

Prescription Drug Abuse

Who's Counting?

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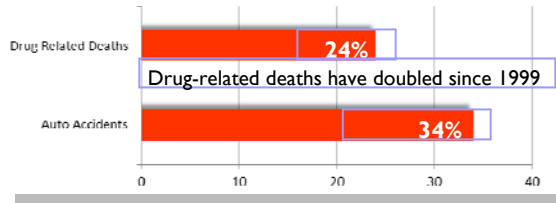
NATIONWIDE

Prescription pain killers result in more accidental drug overdoses than cocaine and heroin combined.

Prescription drug painkillers are responsible for almost 2 times more drug deaths than cocaine and almost 6 times more than heroin, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Drug-related deaths are now the second leading cause of accidental deaths in the U.S.

Accidental Death Causes in US as of 2007



Schedule a speaker for your school, business or organization on Prescription Drug Abuse **Who's Counting** or call 928-708-0100 or email matforce@cableone.net

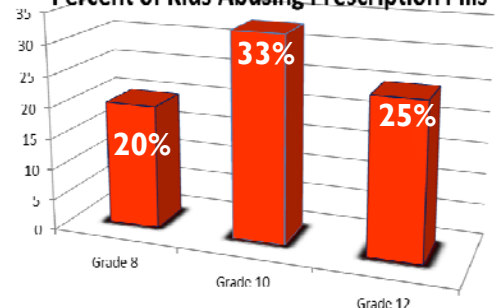


YAVAPAI COUNTY YOUTH

Our youth are abusing prescription medication at an alarming rate - well above state and national averages.

MATFORCE is raising awareness about the risks for youth through school posters, speakers, videos, flyers and staff trainings. Monthly emails to parents enrolled as MVP's keep parents alert to what is happening.

2010 AZ Youth Survey Lifetime Use Percent of Kids Abusing Prescription Pills



CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

- Take medications only as prescribed
- Monitor medications in your medicine cabinets
- Safely dispose of unwanted medications at local police departments and MATFORCE Dump the Drugs events
- Talk to your kids about the risks of abuse
- Support MATFORCE in raising awareness about the risks

COUNTLESS LOSSES

Lives Jobs Health Families

Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions, according to the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Counting in YAVAPAI COUNTY Each year the number of deaths due to prescription drug abuse has increased. The unofficial number of young adults who have died accidentally from prescription drug related causes during the past year is 8 needless deaths.

