

PREVENTING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



SAMHSA's Preventing Prescription Abuse in the Workplace (PAW) Technical Assistance Center helps civilian and military workplace communities reduce prescription drug abuse problems by stimulating, informing, and supporting employer-based prevention and early intervention efforts, including efforts targeting employees' families.



CDC reported that prescription overdoses were responsible for more than 15,500 deaths in 2009.

In 2011, an estimated 6.1 million Americans were using prescription drugs non-medically in the past month.

Lost productivity caused by prescription drug misuse is estimated to cost U.S. workplaces between \$25 - 42 billion annually.

PAW technical assistance resources include fact sheets, issue briefs, web products, assessment tools, presentations and literature reviews. The technical assistance will address topics such as developing specific workplace prescription drug abuse policies; integrating prescription abuse messaging into current programs and community outreach activities; and prescription drug abuse evaluation activities and metrics.

Fact Sheets	Issue Briefs	Web and Social Networking	Training and Expertise	Prevention Tools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness • Dangers • Disposal • Theft • Statistics • Target Industries • Prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Costs • PDMP Cost Savings • Pain Management • EAPs and Return to Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topical Webinars • SAMHSA Blog Postings • PAW Listserv 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAMHSA Staff briefings • Intervention Program Enhancement • Rx Related Data Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Specific Rx Abuse Screeners • Rx Related Resource Guides

The PAW Technical Assistance Center is directed by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. To request technical assistance or more information contact PAWTArequest@PIRE.org

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