

Teens & Prescription(Rx) Drugs

Yearly cost of Rx Opioid Abuse
\$78,500,000,000

In the US, opioid abuse costs society approximately \$78.5 Billion annually



4 in 5 Heroin users started by misusing Rx Pain Relievers



14% of High School seniors in Arizona have abused prescription drugs



DANGER

Misusing medicine can be **just as unsafe** as abusing it to get high

For more details & to learn ways to properly dispose of medication, visit www.DrugFreeAZKids.org/Rx

Rx Pain Relievers

OxyContin, Vicodin, etc.

High risk of **Addiction**

Slowed breathing & drowsiness

Impaired reaction time

Nausea, vomiting, & diarrhea

Rx Stimulants

Adderall, Ritalin, etc.

Rapid and irregular heart beat

Increased breathing rates

Panic, **paranoia**, psychosis

Increased risk of heart **attack**

Rx Abuse & Your Health

Rx Sedatives

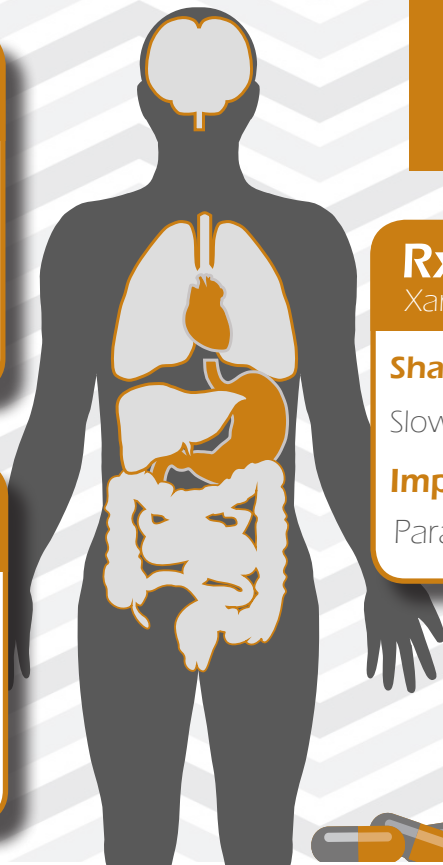
Xanax, Valium, etc.

Shallow breathing & slurred speech

Slowed **brain function**

Impaired judgement & coordination

Paranoia & **thoughts of suicide**



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