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AMERICANS DIE EVERY DAY
from an overdose caused by
prescription painkiller abuse.

17.4%

OF THE U.S. POPULATION
filled at least **one prescription**
for an opioid in 2017.

70%

OF PEOPLE WHO ABUSE
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
report getting them from a
friend or family member.

Drug overdose is currently the leading cause of accidental death in New Jersey, according to the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. Many of those affected begin their journey to addiction through the diversion of legally prescribed medications. These drugs can be vulnerable to theft during real estate showings or any times there is heavy foot traffic through a home. Realtors[®] can help by encouraging their clients, other Realtors[®], and the community to:

EDUCATE.
SECURE.
DISPOSE.

**Information provided by DrugFreeNJ.com, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and the National Safety Council.*

SECURE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SALE

Unsecured prescription drugs are vulnerable to the high volume of people traveling through an active market listing.

Here are three ways to mitigate this:

EDUCATE

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, four out of five new heroin users began their addiction with prescription drugs, often stolen from others' medicine cabinets. **Take the initiative** to educate your clients about ways to safely secure and dispose of prescription drugs.

Remind homeowners to secure all prescriptions. **Sellers should avoid leaving anything valuable, including prescription drugs, where accessible.** Discuss ways to secure these items before prospective buyers arrive.

SECURE

DISPOSE

The American Medicine Chest Challenge is a public health initiative with law enforcement participation that raises awareness about the risks of unsecured prescription drugs and holds a nationwide day of disposal. Consumers may dispose of unused or expired medications at drop box locations. **To find a location, visit americanmedicinechest.com**

For more information, visit
njrealtor.com/prescriptiondrugsafety

