



Prescription Drug Abuse is on the Rise. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has classified prescription drug abuse as an epidemic sweeping through our Nation.

- **Over 259 million painkiller prescriptions written every year in the USA (CDC, 2012)**
- **Approximately 71% of prescription drug users report obtaining their drugs from a friend or relative (NIDA, 2013)**
- **Approximately 19% of local high school students reported using a prescription drug that was not prescribed to them (2105 YRBS).**
- **Rx abuse accounts for over 300 deaths per year in Montana (MMA)**

It is up to all of us to ensure we are being responsible with our medications. This awareness campaign will launch in October and will run through early January. This campaign is designed and intended to bring out conversations about responsible use, storage, and disposal of your prescription drugs. It is up to all of us to be responsible with prescription drugs. Don't become the next unintended drug dealer! Learn more about the dangers of prescription drugs; Living Above the Influence; and the efforts of the local Substance Abuse Prevention Alliance at www.LivingATI.com .