

ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICATIONS

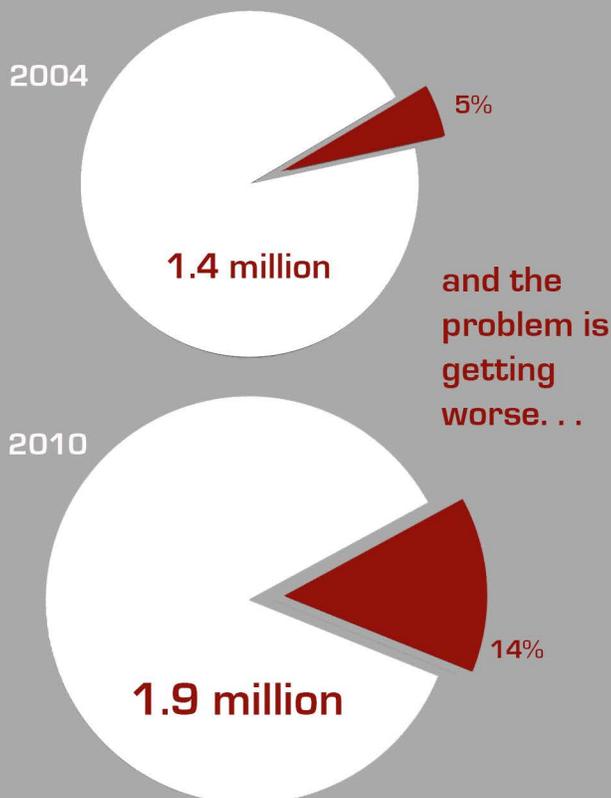
RISKS HEROIN USE

In 2010 almost 1 in 20 adolescents and adults – 12 million people – used prescription pain medication when it was not prescribed for them or only for the feeling it caused¹. While many believe these drugs are not dangerous because they can be prescribed by a doctor, abuse often leads to dependence. And eventually, for some, pain medication abuse leads to heroin.



PEOPLE WHO TAKE NON MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS WILL TRY HEROIN WITHIN 10 YEARS²

Number of People Who Abused or were Dependent on Pain Medications and Percentage of Them that Use Heroin³



Heroin users are **3X** as likely to be dependent

14% of non medical prescription pain reliever users are dependent

54% of heroin users are dependent⁴

Heroin Emergency Room Admissions Are Increasing⁵

