Medications are helpful when used under medical supervision...

but when used without the guidance of a health professional, **it's a prescription for disaster.**

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In the U.S., the abuse of prescription drugs now exceeds the abuse of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and ecstasy combined.

Young people in particular often feel pressure to abuse these drugs.

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MYTH:
Everyone else is abusing prescription drugs.

FACT:
Youth often perceive that their peers are abusing prescription drugs to a greater extent than they really are.

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MYTH:
Since they are prescribed by a doctor, prescription drugs can only be helpful.

FACT:
Any drug has the potential to cause harm, especially when used without medical supervision.

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MYTH:
Abusing prescription drugs is a safe alternative to using "street" drugs.

FACT:
Unintentional drug poisonings (over 90% of which involve prescription medications) are the second leading cause of accidental death in the U.S.

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MYTH:
Abusing prescription drugs is a legal alternative to using "street" drugs.

WRONG WAY

FACT:
It's a federal offense to possess a medication like Vicodin®, OxyContin®, Xanax®, Valium®, Ritalin®, and Adderall® that is not prescribed for you.

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MYTH:
Prescription drugs like OxyContin® or Vicodin® are non-addictive.

FACT:
Drug treatment admissions for addictions to prescription pain medications increased 300% between 1995 & 2005.

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MYTH:

It's okay to use someone else's prescription drugs as long as you're not trying to get "high".

FACT:

No matter the reason of use, prescription drugs should be used only under the supervision of a medical professional.

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Prescriptions are not suggestions!

The government requires a prescription for many medications in order to reduce the potential for harm
Don't use someone else's prescription medications!

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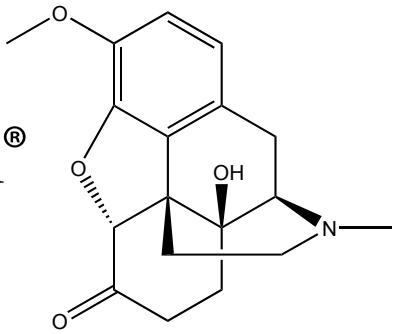
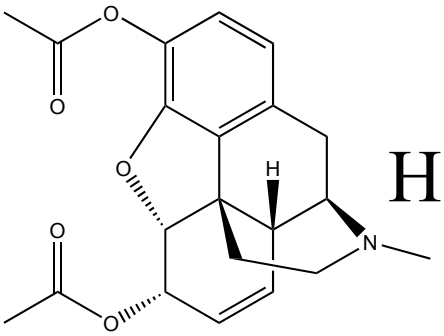
Take a look at their chemical structures…

OxyContin®





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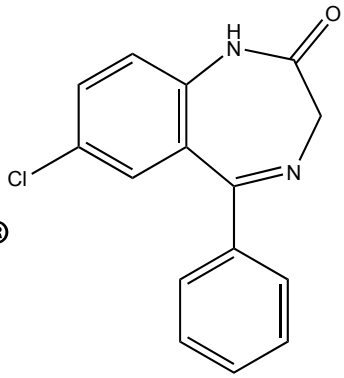

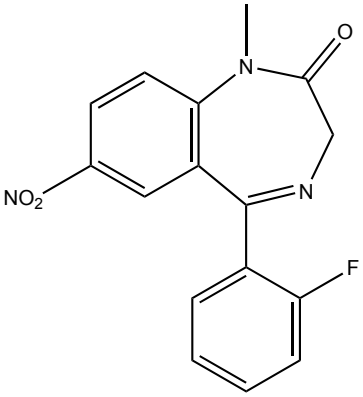

"Roofies"

they're more similar than you might think!

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Where can I get help?

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