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Preventing the Misuse and Abuse
of Prescription Medications

Just how serious a problem is prescription drug abuse and misuse?

1. How many prescriptions are dispensed in the United States each year?
 - a. 1 billion
 - b. 2 billion
 - c. 4 billion
 - d. 8 billion
2. How many Americans have abused a prescription medication in the past month?
 - a. 750,000
 - b. 2 – 3 million
 - c. 6 – 7 million
 - d. 8 – 10 million
3. Each day, how many young people between 12 and 17 abuse a prescription pain killer for the first time?
 - a. 500
 - b. 1,500
 - c. 2,500
 - d. 5,000
4. Unintentional drug poisoning is the second leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. and the leading cause in many states (including Ohio).
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. Approximately 70% of people who abuse prescription medications get them from family or friends, often from the medicine cabinet.
 - a. True
 - b. False