

Signs of Potential Overuse/Misuse

Common signs of opioid misuse, overuse or addiction include:

- Regularly taking an opioid in a way not intended by the doctor who prescribed it, including taking more than the prescribed dose or taking the drug for the way it makes a person feel
- Taking opioids "just in case," even when not in pain
- Mood changes, including excessive swings from elation to hostility
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Borrowing medication from other people or "losing" medications so that more prescriptions must be written
- Seeking the same prescription from multiple doctors in order to have a "backup" supply
- Poor decision-making, including putting himself or herself and others in danger

SOURCE

Mayo Clinic: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/prescription-drug-abuse/in-depth/how-to-tell-if-a-loved-one-is-abusing-opioids/art-20386038>

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If you or someone you know has a substance use disorder, also known as addiction, we can help.

Call anytime, toll-free.

