



FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - WILKES-BARRE, PA  
Attorney General Michelle Henry announcing that Luzerne County has joined the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI)

### What We Are Doing

  
**Expanded efforts to arrest drug dealers**

  
**Prioritized focus on diversion arrests**  
*(exs. doctors, nurses diverting medications for illegal use)*

**Expanding access to treatment and working with insurance industry to reduce barriers**

**395,000**  
 drug disposal pouches distributed across Pennsylvania



The Office of Attorney General partners with District Attorneys and local police departments to help people seeking addiction treatment. When individuals come in for help, this program promises no threat of arrest or prosecution for minor drug offenses. For more information visit [www.attorneygeneral.gov/leti/](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/leti/).

## Getting Help

Treatment works, but it can be a lengthy process. Recovery takes at least 90 days, and for many people takes over a year. Relapses are common, so be patient and supportive.

Medication-assisted treatments (Suboxone, buprenorphine, methadone, Naltrexone) are often best; they reduce fatal overdoses by 50-75%.

To find a treatment provider near you, call, **1-800-662-HELP** (4357) or visit, [www.pa.gov/guides/opioid-epidemic](http://www.pa.gov/guides/opioid-epidemic).

## Report Drug Activity

- Call our drug tip line at **800-442-8006**
- Email us at [info@attorneygeneral.gov](mailto:info@attorneygeneral.gov)
- Via anonymous text message. Text "PADRUGS", followed by your tip, to **847411** (TIP411)
- On our website at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov)



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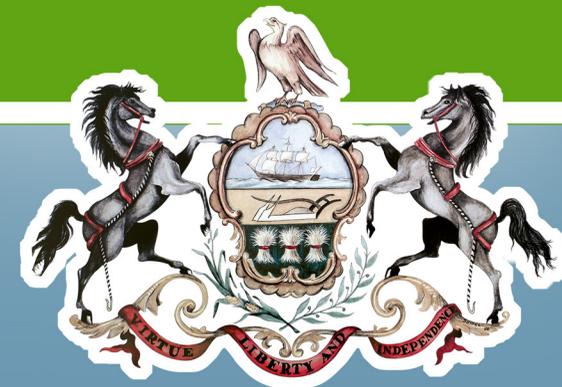
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# OPIOIDS

Pennsylvania's Ongoing Public Health and Safety Crisis



**Michelle A. Henry**  
Pennsylvania Attorney General

Drug overdose is PA's  
**#1 ACCIDENTAL KILLER**

Addiction touches  
**1 in 4**  
**PENNSYLVANIANS**

**4 in 5**  
heroin users start with  
prescription opioids

**76%** of all U.S. opioid  
overdose deaths  
involve a prescription

**5,092**  
In 2022,  
**PENNSYLVANIANS**  
died from heroin and opioid overdoses  
14/day

# OPIOIDS

Opioids come in many different forms with many different names, including:

	<b>OxyContin</b>	<b>Percocet</b>
	<b>Vicodin</b>	<b>Codeine</b>
	<b>Hydrocodone</b>	<b>Morphine</b>
	<b>Heroin</b>	

## Disposing of Drugs

Each year, the OAG helps dispose prescription drugs in drug takebacks.

**ALMOST 300 tons**  
since 2017

If you have unused medications of any type, please dispose of them properly. You can find a takeback box near you at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

**“Prescription opioids are just as ADDICTIVE as heroin.”**

– Centers for Disease Control

**“We must recognize that addiction is an issue which DEMANDS TREATMENT to be resolved.”**

– Michelle A. Henry, Attorney General

Health effects of prolonged opioid use:

- Depression
- Liver disease
- Heart disease
- Hepatitis C (through shared needles)
- HIV/AIDS (through shared needles)
- Brain damage
- Death (by overdose)

## How are Abused Opioids Obtained?

Opioids are often stolen from someone with a legitimate prescription. Seventy percent of people that illegally use prescription drugs admit getting them from family and friends. The number one source of drugs for teenagers is home medicine cabinets.

Opioids can also be obtained when a person is legally prescribed a drug and then abuses it, prescriptions are forged and altered, or the medications are purchased from a dealer illegally selling prescription drugs.

**4 out of 5 heroin users reported they started with legal prescription opioids**