



Attorney General Dave Sunday is committed to working with law enforcement, the medical community and educational institutions to ensure all Pennsylvanians have the resources needed to fight the Opioid battle.

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/.

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.

Report Drug Activity

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



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OPIOIDS

Pennsylvania's Ongoing
Public Health and Safety Crisis




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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 

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

OPIOIDS

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



OxyContin
Vicodin
Hydrocodone
Heroin

Percocet
Codeine
Morphine

Disposing of Drugs

Each year, the OAG helps dispose of
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.

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

– Centers for Disease Control

**“WORKING TOGETHER
we can ensure that those who
WANT HELP FOR ADDICTION GET
THE HELP THEY DESPERATELY NEED.**

– Attorney General Dave Sunday

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**