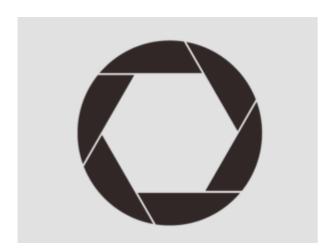
Opioid Abuse - Picture This





DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS AT WORK



The number of drug overdose deaths at work is rising.

The top 3 industries with the highest numbers of drug overdose deaths at work from 2011-2016*



Transportation & Warehousing 116 deaths



Construction 114 deaths



Healthcare & Social Assistance 96 deaths

What do we know about drug overdose deaths at work?



Most overdose deaths at work were from opioids

Opioids are drugs commonly used to reduce pain and can be prescribed or used without a medical reason



Workplace factors can influence the use of prescriptions and other substances

Examples: opioids prescribed for work-related back pain, and workers using substances to deal with work-related stress

What don't we know about drug overdose deaths at work?

- The circumstances for substance use
- If the drug use was associated with work injury and pain

Employers: You can take steps to prevent worker drug overdose

- Identify and remove workplace dangers
- Protect workers who do physically demanding jobs from getting injured
- Educate yourself on how you can support a worker with a substance use disorder
- Educate employees on risks for substance use and overdose prevention
- Consider implementing a program to make naloxone available in the workplace in the event of an opioid overdose Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose



Large Employers:

Provide training and encourage use of an employee assistance program, health plan, and other resources for treatment of substance use disorders



Small Employers:

Work with your local health department for resources in your community