# simple Step

### lock up your meds

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#### **STOP OPIOID ABUSE** Your choices matter

- Prescription pain medication is highly addictive. Talk with your doctor about other ways to manage pain.
- $\checkmark$  Lock up your medications.
- Safely dispose of unused medications at a take-back program near you.

Washington State.<sup>1</sup>

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Simple steps, like locking up medications, can stop them from being misused.

<sup>1</sup>Source: Washington State Department of Health <sup>2</sup>Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Find one at TakeBackYourMeds.org.

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### honest conversation

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- ✓ Kids are 50 percent less likely to use drugs when parents tell them about the risks.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Talk to your kids about the risks of opioid abuse.
- Encourage your kids to talk with their doctor about other ways to treat pain.
- ✓ Lock up your medications.

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You can be the one to help keep your family safe. Talk with your kids and share the facts with other parents.

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## act of Courage

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- If you are prescribed an opioid, talk with your doctor about other options.
- Never share an opioid prescription with someone else.
- Treatment works. If you think you need help, call Washington Recovery Help Line at 1 (866) 789-1511.

Opioids are now one of the leading causes of injury-related deaths in Washington State. More people die from overdose than from car crashes.<sup>1</sup>

Opioids negatively affect the reward center in the brain. Over time, a user needs more and more. This makes them highly addictive.<sup>2</sup>

You can make a difference. Help a friend. Share the facts.

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