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S.T.A.R. Jar Questions?

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Prescription Drug Awareness & Safety





What does it mean to be healthy?





***Prescription Drug
Awareness***

Crossword Puzzle

What's the Difference?

Over-the-Counter VS. Prescription Drugs



**WHERE CAN YOU FIND
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?**

EVERYWHERE

A Little Background

Rx

NAME: _____

FRIEND OF: _____

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

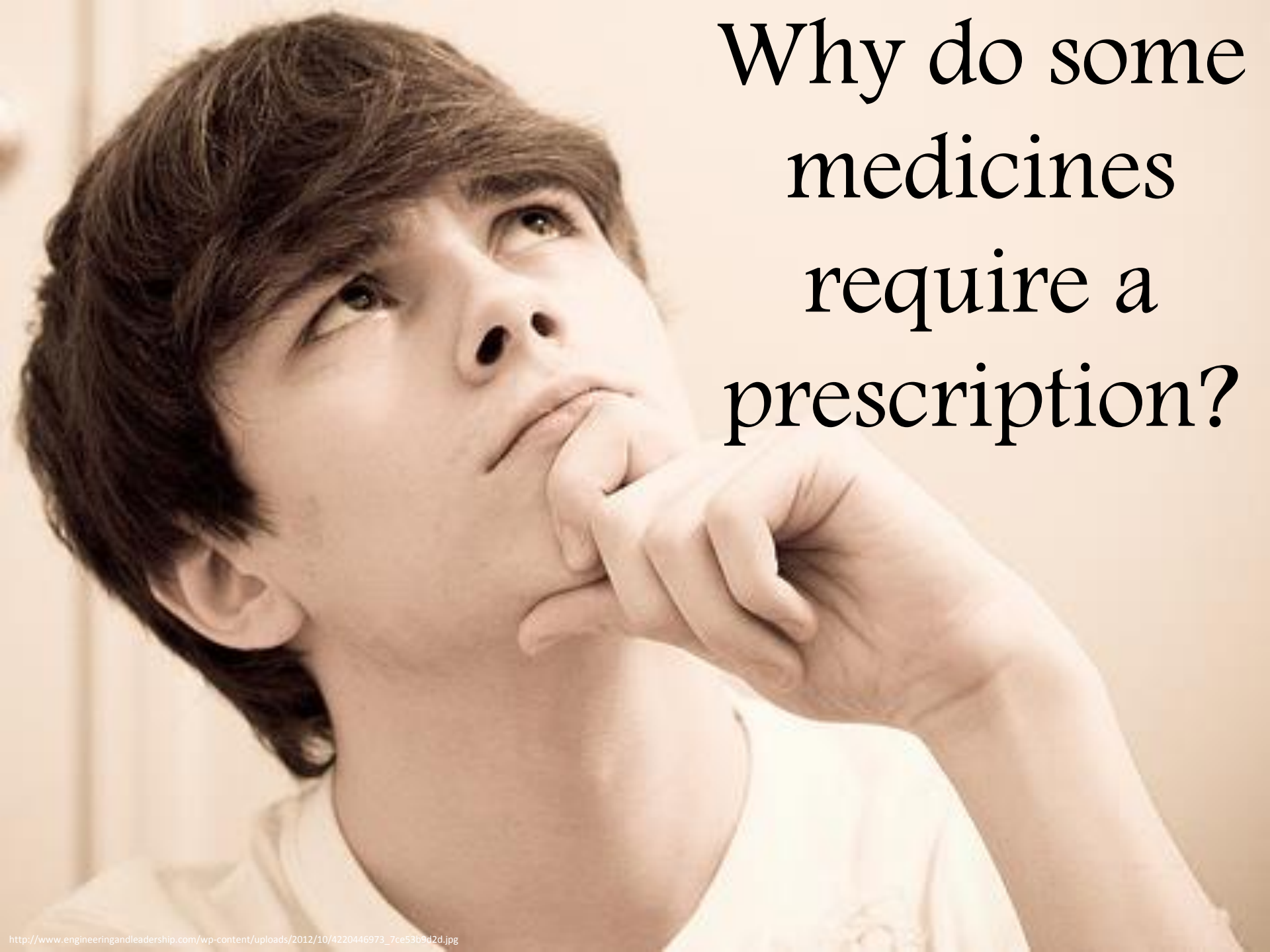
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Rx represents the word prescription.

Originated in medieval times as an abbreviation for the word take.

Prescription is an order that must be written (script) before (pre) a drug can be prepared.



Why do some
medicines
require a
prescription?

Know The Safe Way To Use Prescription Drugs.

- Doctor will tell you.
- Parents will tell you & give the medication.
- Pharmacist assistance.
- Label on medication with directions.
- Always read the information and follow all directions on the label



“Misuse Of Prescription Drugs”.

What is it?

Misuse of prescription drugs is when someone does not take prescription drugs as directed or intended—unknowingly, unintentionally, or accidentally.

- Taking medicine that is not yours.
- Sharing your medicine with others.
- Not storing medicine properly.
- Taking the wrong amount.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AHEAD

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- Misusing prescription drugs is unsafe and can lead to serious health consequences and even death.
- It is also a serious health concern for your age group.

❑ Prescription drug misuse becomes abuse when the misuse is carried out intentionally for a desired effect.

- Example: A person takes their parents prescription pain medicine to a party to share with friends to get high.

❑ The difference between misuse and abuse is the intent.

- Is the person misusing the prescription drug on purpose or with the knowledge that they are not suppose to be taking the prescription drug.

Prescription Drug Abuse

Where are young people getting the prescription drugs from?





SKITTLES PARTY

Placing prescription drugs into a bowl and randomly taking an unknown combination of prescription drugs in order to get high.

Why Are Young People Abusing Prescription Drugs?

- To party
- To get high
- To do better in school
- To lose weight
- To relieve pain(i.e. to self medicate)
- To fit in



Prescription Drug Abuse PSA Video



How Are Young People Abusing Prescription Drugs?



What Can Happen To Someone Abusing Prescription Drugs?

- ❖ Slurred speech, shallow breathing, fatigue, disorientation, lack of coordination, & seizures.
- ❖ Abuse of any prescription drug can lead to addiction.
- ❖ Abuse of mind-altering prescription drugs can impair judgement and lead to elevated risk of diseases.
- ❖ Will lead to jail or prison time.

- ❖ Negative impact on relationships with family & friends.
- ❖ Negative short-term & long-term health consequences.
- ❖ Paranoia, high body temps, & irregular heart beat.
- ❖ Drowsiness, nausea, constipation & slowed breathing.



Misuse & Abuse Avoidance

Can be avoided by educating about the serious risks involved with prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Use the knowledge to refuse invitation to abuse prescription drugs.

Share the knowledge with others.

Report abuse to a parent, teacher, SRO, school guidance counselor, or other trusted adult.

Ignore the offer and walk away.



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IT IS



**TO ASK
FOR
HELP**

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW NEEDS HELP WITH
PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE
PLEASE TALK TO AN ADULT!**

