

The unintended consequences of opioids



Your opioid prescription can have unintended consequences for you and those around you.

Your prescription can:

- Increase your risk of developing an opioid use disorder
- Impair both mental and physical functioning
- Cause side effects like sleepiness and nausea
- Significantly increase the risk of car crashes
- Increase your risk for overmedication and overdose; opioids caused 70% of overdose deaths in 2019

Limit the risks for yourself and those around you.



Learn how to ask your doctor about alternatives to opioids at nsc.org/opioidfacts.