

• THE TRUTH •

ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN NEW MEXICO

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In 2011 (most recent data available),
New Mexico had the second highest total
drug overdose death rate in the nation.¹

49% 

49% of unintentional overdose deaths
were from prescription opioids like
painkillers and methadone.¹



NM ranks 3rd highest in the nation for
non-medical use of pain relievers.²

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KEEP AWAY FROM TEENS.

In 2013, the only drug teens used
to get high with more frequency
was marijuana.¹



PARENT/
GUARDIAN
SIGNATURE



FRIEND/
RELATIVE
SIGNATURE



OTHER

Two out of three teens that abuse
pain relievers report getting them
from family members and friends.²

Help prevent overdose — safely store
and dispose unused medications.



Please visit nmprevention.org
for additional information.

¹New Mexico Department of Health,
New Mexico Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile,
August 2014

²2012-2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.