COMMUNITY IN CRISIS:
HEROIN & OPIOIDS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY

If you watch a newscast, pick up a newspaper or scroll through social media, it’s difficult not to see a story about the growing heroin and prescription opioid (narcotic pain medication) epidemic. Across the nation, big cities and small towns alike are struggling to deal with this growing problem. Unfortunately, these drugs have found their way into our community, and show no signs of slowing. SCCAD Paramedics are frequently asked how serious the problem is in St. Charles County; the quick answer is: very.

Getting a handle on this epidemic will require close coordination between law enforcement, government officials, healthcare providers and, most importantly, families in our community. Have the discussion with your family, be aware the warning signs and know where to turn for help.

3/4 of heroin users started with prescription opioids*

ST. CHARLES COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT
HEROIN & OPIOID OVERDOSE CALL VOLUME


OPPIOID PAINKILLERS are often taken from parents or grandparents following surgery or dental work.

many cities offer DRUG TAKE-BACK drop boxes - use them to dispose of unused pills.

HEROIN CAN BE: injected as liquid
injected as a pill
snorted as powder

PAIN MEDS should be stored in a locked cabinet & monitored closely.

If you believe a friend or loved one needs help, the St. Louis chapter of the National Council for Alcohol & Drug Abuse offers, counseling, resources and much more. They can be reached at 314-962-3456, or online at ncada-stl.org

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* Health News from NPR, July 2015, CDC Study