

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEROIN AND OPIOID ABUSE

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Keeping our kids off of dangerous drugs like heroin and opioids starts at home with families who know what signs of addiction to look for. Please use the guide below to identify signs that a family member is using these drugs, and find community resources to help stop it.

Physical signs that someone may be abusing an opiate:

- Noticeable elation/euphoria
- Marked sedation/drowsiness
 - Confusion
- Constricted pupils
- Slowed breathing
- Intermittent nodding off
- loss of consciousness
- Constipation

Additional signs someone may be abusing an opiate:

- Doctor "shopping" (getting prescriptions from multiple doctors).
 - Shifting or dramatically changing moods.
 - Extra pill bottles turning up in the trash.
 - Social withdrawal/isolation.
 - Sudden financial problems.

If someone you love is exhibiting these signs, use my community resource guide, or call the New York State HOPEline 1-877-8-HOPENY