



DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS AT WORK



The number of **drug overdose deaths at work is rising.**

What do we know about drug overdose deaths at work?



Most overdose deaths at work were from **opioids**

Opioids are drugs commonly used to reduce pain and can be prescribed or used without a medical reason



Workplace factors can influence the use of prescriptions and other substances

Examples: opioids prescribed for work-related back pain, and workers using substances to deal with work-related stress

What don't we know about drug overdose deaths at work?

- The circumstances for substance use
- If the drug use was associated with work injury and pain



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