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## Prescription Drug Abuse: Understanding the Dangers

### Short Answer Key

1. Some examples of commonly abused prescription drugs include opioids (e.g., oxycodone), stimulants (e.g., Adderall), and depressants (e.g., Xanax).
2. It is important to follow healthcare provider instructions when taking prescription medications to ensure that the medication is used safely and effectively and to minimize the risk of side effects or misuse.
3. Individuals can prevent others from accessing their prescription medications by keeping them in a secure place, such as a locked cabinet or medication lockbox.
4. Unused or expired medications should be disposed of properly to prevent misuse or environmental contamination. This can be done through drug take-back programs or by following community guidelines for safe disposal.
5. To help prevent prescription drug abuse in our communities, we can educate ourselves and others about the dangers of misuse, encourage responsible medication use, and support initiatives that promote safe disposal and access to addiction treatment.

