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Prescription Medications: Safe Use and Hidden Dangers

Short Answer Key

1. Misuse involves not following prescribed instructions (e.g., taking more than recommended), while abuse is intentional use for non-medical purposes.
2. Health risks include addiction, overdose, organ damage, and even death.
3. They can use drug take-back programs in their communities or follow specific disposal instructions provided with the medication.
4. Education and awareness help people understand the risks and consequences, making informed choices and seeking help when needed.
5. Individuals should follow healthcare professionals' instructions, never exceed the recommended dose, and avoid sharing medications.

