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Prescription Medications: Safe Use and Hidden Dangers

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. [Responses will vary based on personal experiences or examples known to the reader.]
2. Raising awareness is essential to inform individuals about the risks and consequences, empowering them to make informed choices and seek help when needed. It also helps reduce stigma and promotes a culture of responsibility.
3. Recognizing signs like changes in behavior or appearance, secrecy, or seeking multiple prescriptions is essential. If someone suspects misuse or abuse, they should encourage open communication, offer support, and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or helplines.
4. Additional measures could include stricter regulations on prescription medication distribution, increased access to substance abuse treatment and counseling, and more extensive educational programs in schools and communities.

