### Prescription Drug Safety



#### What are prescription drugs?

Prescription drugs are ordered by a doctor and are used to relieve pain from injuries or certain health conditions.

#### DANGERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

#### **MISUSE**

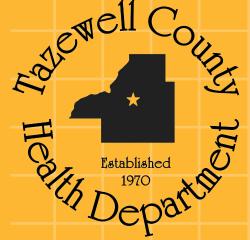
## Taking more or less than the original prescription

#### **ABUSE**

- Taking someone else's prescription
- Drug dependence Negative health side effects

How to Prevent Drug Abuse and Misuse

- Read and understand medicine labels.
- Use prescription drugs only as directed.
- Don't share prescription drugs.
- Talk to the doctor about any concerns.



# Illinois Helpline for opioids and other substances: 833-2FIND HELP