

# 5 REASONS NOT TO SHARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT WORK



*Although 40% percent of adults say they borrow or lend prescription drugs, it's very dangerous to do. Understand the risk of sharing prescription drugs while at work.*



- 1 Federal law prohibits the possession or use of someone else's prescription drugs.
- 2 You could get fired from your job for distributing prescription drugs without a medical license.
- 3 Someone else's prescription drugs may cause problems with your current medicines or medical conditions. They also may cause you to have a serious side effect or allergic reaction.
- 4 Using leftover prescription drugs—yours or someone else's—may mean you do not get the correct amount, and your infection or illness may become harder to treat.
- 5 You could be responsible for coworkers' injuries if they take your prescription drugs. And, depending on where you live, if the person you gave the drugs to gives them to someone else, you also may be legally responsible for the other person's injuries.

***Help stop drug abuse. Don't share your prescriptions with others.***



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