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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Position/Policy Statement

RX Funding - Federal Government Actions to Address Prescription Drug Overdose

The National Safety Council supports reasonable actions by federal government agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to address the growing rate of prescription drug overdoses throughout the country.

The National Safety Council's mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at home. As part of this pillar of our mission, NSC is in the midst of launching a major new initiative towards reducing the injuries and deaths caused by prescription drug overdoses.

This policy position answers directly to the Council's mission to save lives and prevent injuries through leadership, research, education and advocacy. By adopting this position, the Council will be able to take a greater leadership role in this rapidly-emerging public health issue, and to fully participate in future stakeholder meetings on the issue.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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