

# How Opioids Impact Your Employees' Safety and Your Bottom Line

For the first time, a person is more likely to die from an accidental opioid overdose than a car crash.

**90%**

of people with substance use disorders can — and do — recover.

## How opioid use affects the workplace



**DRUG OVERDOSES** – largely from opioids – are the leading cause of preventable death.

**EMPLOYERS** have an important role to play.

**75%**

of employers have been directly impacted by opioid misuse.

Workplace overdose deaths involving drugs or alcohol have increased by at least

**25%**

for five consecutive years.

### Opioid use may:



Increase risk of workplace injuries and errors



Lead to higher workers' compensation costs



Increase absenteeism and distraction at work



Increase complaints to HR



Decrease employee morale

Download the NSC Opioids at Work Employer Toolkit for information, resources and materials. Visit [nsc.org/opioidsatwork](https://nsc.org/opioidsatwork)



Sources: Injury Facts, National Safety Council Employer Survey: Opioid Usage in the Workplace, Bureau of Labor Statistics