

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Prescription Painkillers in the Workplace



Have you been prescribed a painkiller?

Did You Know?

- Opioid or narcotic painkillers may affect your ability to perform your job
- Common side effects of these drugs are drowsiness, dizziness and nausea
- Even if they have been legally prescribed, you can still receive a citation for driving under the influence while taking these medications

What Should You Do?

- Proactively talk with Human Resources or your supervisor to find out about your workplace policies
- If your job requires tasks that are safety sensitive, discuss your medication with your supervisor before you perform those tasks
- You **MUST** exercise caution when driving, operating or working around machinery (failure to do so can result in serious injury or death)

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- Check your workplace drug policies
- Talk with your manager or Human Resources
- Talk with your physician about where to get help

