



Prescription pain medications have benefits and risks. It is important to speak with your doctor or pharmacist to make sure you understand how to use them safely. Only take medications prescribed to you and never share medications. Prescription medications can be safe and effective if used as directed, but can be dangerous when used incorrectly.

Resources:

Be Med Wise: [www.bemedwise.org](http://www.bemedwise.org)

Healthfinder.gov - Use Medicines Safely

[https://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/everyday-healthy-living/safety/use-medicines-safely#the-basics\\_1](https://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/everyday-healthy-living/safety/use-medicines-safely#the-basics_1)

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