

Opioid Deaths in Construction

Construction work can result in painful injuries that are sometimes treated with prescription opioids. One in four people prescribed opioids for long-term pain become addicted* and opioid-related deaths are on the rise.

Chris' Story

Chris strained his back after lifting heavy materials. He tried to ignore the pain, but it wouldn't go away. Chris went to the doctor and was prescribed an opioid to treat the pain. The pills reduced the pain, but his back never got better. Chris found that he needed the pills to make it through the day. Eventually, his doctor refused to give him another prescription. Chris went to another doctor and got a new prescription. Over time his job performance and family life began to suffer. Chris went back

*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Promoting Safer and More Effective Pain Management.
https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/Guidelines_Factsheet-Patients-a.pdf



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