

# IN GREATER SHEPPARTON, 34 PEOPLE DIED DUE TO AN OVERDOSE INVOLVING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS BETWEEN 2009 AND 2015

Join the discussion about how our community can  
act to reduce medication harms in Shepparton

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Preventing  
prescription  
medication  
misuse.



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## 89 percent of all overdose deaths in Shepparton between 2009-2015 involved prescription medications.

This year, a new system called SafeScript will provide doctors and pharmacists with access to prescription histories for high risk pain and sedative medications to enable safer clinical decisions.

In preparation for this upcoming change, ScriptWise's *One Too Many* event will give community members the chance to talk about how we can use this opportunity to address medication harms in Shepparton. The event will feature a:

- ▲ keynote address by a mum who lost her son to an accidental opioid overdose
- ▲ screening of a short *One Too Many* documentary, and a
- ▲ panel discussion with local health professionals and experts followed by questions and answers

### EVENT DETAILS

**WHEN:** 6:00 - 7:30, February 28 2019

**WHERE:** Auditorium, GOTAFE, 152-200 Fryers St, Shepparton

**RSVP:** via Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/2Se9c78>

Medication dependence is a medical condition and there are effective treatments and support available. **You don't have to go through it alone.**

### If you're concerned about your or a loved ones' medication use

+ Speak to your GP or another health professional

+ Call the SafeScript Pharmaceutical Helpline (24/7) on 1800 737 233

+ Call Reconnexion between 9-5pm to speak about benzodiazepine use on 1300 273 266

+ Call Family Drug Support 1800 368 186

+ Contact Counselling Online [www.counsellingonline.org.au](http://www.counsellingonline.org.au)

+ Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 224 636