



Webinar: Opiates in the Workplace: Your Agency's Response
Thursday, May 23, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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For the first time in US history, more people are dying from opiate overdoses than car accidents, than meth and cocaine overdoses combined (about 100 per day). In 2015, medical doctors in the US wrote 256 million prescriptions for opiate pills like OxyContin, Oxycodone, and Hydrocodone. If the average prescription is six to 20 pills, that's about 3 billion pills. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy now says we have an opiate epidemic in this country. Only now are agencies like the DEA, FDA, the American Medical Association, and various state drug oversight and physician-licensing groups starting to address this problems with any real vigor. Pharmaceutical companies are finally being called to task for their past and current conduct as it relates to this issue.

When opiate pill addicts cannot get their drug of choice, they often switch to heroin use, mostly because it's cheaper and easier to get than pills. Heroin-using employees need to use their drug about every four to six hours. This means there is a strong likelihood they will use heroin at or near their workplace. Besides the obvious work productivity issues, heroin use brings illegal drug possession, theft, needles, and the danger of an overdose to the employer's worksite.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the signs of opiate use, withdrawal, and overdose.
- When is it a police issue (legal) or a paramedic's response (medical).
- Protocols for "reasonable suspicion" interventions: stages of drug testing through discipline and termination procedures.
- Discuss when and if Narcan use by staff for employees or others having an opiate overdose may be a necessity.
- Deal with the safety hazards related to opiate users, their drugs, and drug paraphernalia, including needles and other blood-borne pathogens, like MRSA, hepatitis, and HIV.

Who Should Attend?

All Directors, Managers, Supervisors, or any staff with safety, security, law enforcement, or Human Resource functions.

About the Speaker:

Dr. Steve Albrecht has taught substance abuse awareness and response programs to public agency and private-sector clients since 1999. He holds a doctoral degree in Business Administration, an MA in Security Management, a BS in Psychology, and an BA in English. He worked for the San Diego Police Department for 15 years. He belongs to the California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA) and has received their training in Drug Abuse Recognition (DAR) and Advanced Drug Abuse Recognition (ADAR).

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Pre-registration is required. Last day to register is Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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