

## ACCIDENTAL DRUG DEATHS CLARK COUNTY OHIO – 2012

- During 2012, 39 individuals in Clark County Ohio died as a result of accidental poisoning by drugs, including alcohol.
- These deaths accounted for one quarter of all deaths investigated by the Clark County Coroner's Office during 2012 and over half (54%) of the accidental deaths.
- 21 (54%) of the decedents were male and 18 (46%) female.
- The ages of decedents ranged from 27 to 72 years, the average being 46.6.

20 (51%) were in their 40's and 8 (20%) in their 50's, 82% of all decedents being 40 years of age or older. This is a higher percentage than has typically been seen. During the previous 5 years 59% of decedents were 40 or older.

- In most cases 2 or more drugs were involved.
- Prescription drugs were involved in 24 deaths, illicit drugs in 20 deaths, and alcohol in 14 deaths.

Prescription only (12), Illicit only (6), Prescription + Illicit (7),  
Prescription + Alcohol (4), Illicit + Alcohol (6),  
Prescription + Illicit + Alcohol (1), Alcohol only (3)

- The drugs most frequently involved were:
  - Heroin (17 deaths)
  - Alcohol (14 deaths)
  - Oxycodone (12 deaths)
  - Cocaine (9 deaths)

The number of accidental drug deaths has greatly increased, not only in Clark County, but also throughout Ohio and the Nation

