

Dorchester Goes Purple

Dorchester County Health Department Purple Thursdays



Did you know?

Americans are more likely to die from an opioid overdose than a car crash.

Dorchester County had 52 opioid overdoses, of which 6 were fatal, in 2018.

What you can do to get involved:

- Wear purple. You don't have to wait for Thursdays.
- Change outside lights to purple.
- Have a conversation with your children, partner, or neighbor. Your voice matters.



Talking points to consider:

- More than 13% of Dorchester County high school students have tried heroin at least once.
- 4 out of 5 people who use heroin first misused prescription drugs.
- 53% of people misusing prescription pain medications get them from friends and family.
- You can become dependent on prescription pain medication at recommended doses.
- 41% of Dorchester youth think parents have favorable attitudes towards substance abuse.

In support of Dorchester Goes Purple, DCHD is participating in Purple Thursdays to raise awareness about the dangers of substance misuse, break the stigma of addiction, and encourage positive decision-making to get through life's challenges.