

## **DAP-DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM**



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## COUNTERFEIT PILLS PRESENT ADDED DANGER TO TEENS

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Our partners at the DEA have asked us to share this message with all our members as part of their "One Pill Can Kill" campaign. Here are some facts:



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- •Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.
- •Counterfeit pills are widely available and easy to purchase. They often contain fentanyl or methamphetamine and can be deadly.
- •Fake prescription pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.
- Many counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription opioids such as oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodin), and alprazolam (Xanax); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall).

"When we know the facts, we become educated. When we become educated, we are able to make informed decisions" said National Director Kent Gade.

He went on to state: "That is why our partnership with the DEA is so important. Because they are on top of this issue, we can pass it on to our membership faster than anyone.

"I encourage each and every Elk Member to visit the following websites: <a href="https://www.justthinktwice.com">www.justthinktwice.com</a> (for teens); <a href="https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com">www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com</a> (for parents, caregivers and teachers); <a href="https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov">www.campusdrugprevention.gov</a> (for teachers and college campus advisors); and join the already two thousand plus individuals who have subscribe to the new <a href="https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com">Elks Drug Awareness YouTube channel</a>."

Lodge chairs (or any concerned Member) should visit <a href="www.dea.gov/onepill">www.dea.gov/onepill</a> for your very own tool kit.

Members are encouraged to visit all of the <u>Elks Drug Awareness</u> <u>Programs</u> websites so that you may educate yourself on the works of the Drug Awareness Program. If you are interested in becoming an Elks Drug Awareness Ambassador, contact your Lodge chair and or your state chair for additional information.

## CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?





