SafeScript NSW

Improving the safe use of monitored medicines

What is SafeScript NSW?

SafeScript NSW is computer software that allows prescribers (general practitioners, other medical specialists and nurse practitioners) and pharmacists to access real-time information about your prescription history for certain high-risk medicines, known as monitored medicines, such as opioids and benzodiazepines.

It is important for your prescriber and pharmacist to know what monitored medicines you are taking because some medicines taken in high doses, or when taken with other medicines, have the potential to be harmful.

This information helps your prescriber and pharmacist make safer clinical decisions about your care.

Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting www.health.nsw.gov.au/ pharmaceutical/safescript/consumers/Pages/default.aspx

The increasing harm from unsafe use of monitored medicines is a major public health concern. In 2021, there were **2,231 drug- induced deaths** in Australia with **1,675 (75%)** being unintentional. Of these deaths, **765 (34%)** were due to opioids and **544 (24%)** involved benzodiazepines.

SafeScript NSW is part of NSW Government's commitment to reduce harm from monitored medicines and help save lives.