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# Death from Accidental Opioid Overdose More Likely Than from a Motor Vehicle Crash

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An analysis by the National Safety Council revealed that in 2017, for the first time in history, Americans are [more likely to die from an accidental opioid overdose than a car crash](#).

In the midst of an opioid epidemic, the odds of dying from an accidental opioid overdose (1 in 96) officially surpassed the odds of dying in a motor vehicle crash (1 in 103), and falling (1 in 144). It is now the leading cause of death from a preventable injury.

In some cases, these deaths are the result of medical providers overprescribing or failing to properly monitor the prescribed opioids, making them preventable. Even as the government implements policies to curb the overprescribing of opioids, the death toll keeps rising. According to the report, there are 466 lives lost each day from an accidental opioid overdose.

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