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Elks Drug Awareness Program Alerts Elks of New Drug Report



Surgeon General Issues Landmark Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health

"How we respond to this crisis is a test for America"

A new, landmark Surgeon General's report (<https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/>) finds alcohol and drug misuse and severe substance use disorders, commonly called addiction, to be one of America's most pressing public health concerns. Nearly 21 million Americans - more than the number of people who have all cancers combined - suffer from substance use disorders.

"Alcohol and drug addiction take an enormous toll on individuals, families, and communities," said U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy. "Most Americans know someone who has been touched by an alcohol or a drug use disorder. Yet 90 percent of people with a substance use disorder are not getting treatment. That has to change."

Today's report, Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health, (<https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/>) marks the first time a U.S. Surgeon General has dedicated a report to substance misuse and related disorders.

For the full report and executive summary, visit <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/>

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