## IN THE KNOW:

## How It Affects the Body

Heroin use leads to increased crime and violence, HIV/AIDS epidemics, destroys communities, and takes a terrible toll on a user's body.

*Heroin* is a modified version of the drug morphine and is

very addictive and illegal. It can be injected, snorted or smoked.

Blurred vision Reduced Vision Watery eyes

Addiction, Tolerance & Withdrawal Brain damage Depression Insomnia Memory loss

Snorting heroin causes bleeding, sore nostrils



Damage from increased protein in urine Kidney failure Hemorrhoids Anal fissures

Impotence in men Menstruation problems in women

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

## BLOOD VESSELS

Collapsed/scarred arteries and veins Blood clots (leading to gangrene in hands and feet)

More than half a million Americans used heroin in 2013 – an alarming increase of over 150% since 2007.

Out of Control

USING HEROIN WHILE PREGNANT RAISES THE RISK OF:

Stillbirths & miscarriages Birth defects Baby addicted and suffering from withdrawal symptoms

Stay Clean - Don't Become Fleroin's Slave.