Dangers of abusing Prescription drugs

Adderall (Stimulant)

Possible Negative Side Effects:
- Constipation/Cramps
- Diarrhea
- Depression
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Insomnia
- Headache
- High Blood Pressure
- Rapid Heart Beat
- Loss of Appetite
- Restlessness
- Tics
- Weight Loss
- Impotence

Ritalin, Concerta, Metadate (Stimulants)

Possible Negative Side Effects:
- Loss of Appetite
- Trouble sleeping
- Stomach Pain
- Rapid Heartbeat (Contact your doctor immediately)
- Possible slow growth pattern
- Dizziness, Drowsiness or changes in vision. Do not operate machinery until you know how this medication affects you.

**Taking drugs that have not been prescribed for you is illegal and can lead to serious consequences, including addiction.**

What happens in the body when I use stimulants?
Stimulants enhance brain activity, causing an increase in alertness, attention, and energy

Effects of long-term use
- Potential for addiction

Possible immediate negative effects
- Dangerously high body temperatures or an irregular heartbeat after taking high doses
- Cardiovascular failure or lethal seizures
- For some stimulants, hostility or feelings of paranoia after taking high doses repeatedly over a short period of time

Should not be used with
- Over-the-counter cold medicines containing decongestants
- Antidepressants, unless supervised by a physician
- Some asthma medications