

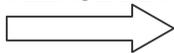
Excerpts from our Patient Handbook

abilities should not be impaired by your properly prescribed dose of methadone when taken as prescribed. Your methadone dose will not affect motor control or motor skills, vigilance, concentration or thinking. **Be sure to observe the impact your methadone dosing has before operating machinery of any kind!**

1. Tell all physicians, dentists, and pharmacists that you use that you are in a methadone treatment program and that you are currently taking methadone.
2. Do not start or stop other medications unless you check first with your Southeast Georgia Treatment Center physician or nurse.
3. If you think you or anyone you know has taken an overdose of methadone, get emergency help immediately. Taking an overdose of methadone or taking alcohol or certain other medications with methadone may lead to unconsciousness or death.

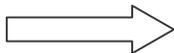
TAKING METHADONE IS A SERIOUS BUSINESS! It is IMPERATIVE that you understand the consequences involved in taking other prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines and/or alcohol when you are taking methadone.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT...



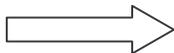
IF you are presently taking a BENZODIAZEPINE (anxiety medication) that has been prescribed by a physician, or taking a benzodiazepine that is not prescribed

OR



If you are presently taking an OPIATE (pain medication) other than METHADONE that is either prescribed for you, or NOT prescribed for you

OR



If you are presently taking any medication other than METHADONE that is either prescribed for you, or NOT prescribed for you

If the medication that you are taking is being prescribed for you, the prescribing physician must fax or mail to Southeast Georgia Treatment Center verification that he or she has been informed of your treatment status. If this procedure is inconvenient for you, your assigned counselor or other SEGTC staff member can contact your physician and request the required information. All contact with the prescribing physician will require a patient consent and a signed Authorization To Release Information form.

If the medication that you are taking is NOT prescribed for you, a consultation with the SEGTC physician is required.