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National Safety Council Statement on the Death of Prince

Death from Prescription opioid overdose

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With nearly 19,000 people dying every year from opioid overdoses, it is past time for all of us to take up the mantle and end this crisis. Artists and the music industry have an incredible platform from which to raise awareness and create change, and we urge them to use it.

Fittingly, purple ribbons are universally worn in remembrance of those we've lost to overdoses. NSC calls on everyone to wear a purple ribbon in honor of Prince and the tens of thousands who have gone before him.

A powerful voice has been silenced. Another 52 will be silenced today, 52 more tomorrow and every day until change happens.

Source : National Safety Council - Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, the National Safety Council, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

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