Prescription medications that can be extremely dangerous to "share" include but are not limited to the following:

- **Adderall** (dextroamphetamine & amphetamine)
- **Ambien** (zolpidem)
- **Ativan** (lorazepam)
- **Buspar** (buspirone)
- **Celexa** (citalopram)
- **Dexedrine** (dextroamphetamine)
- **Effexor-XR** (venlafaxine)
- **Klonopin** (clonazepam)
- **Lithium**
- **Depakote** (valproic acid)
- **Paxil** (paroxetine)
- **Prozac** (fluoxetine)
- **Risperdal** (risperidone)
- **Ritalin** (methylphenidate)
- **Serzone** (nefazadone)
- **Sonata** (zaleplon)
- **Wellbutrin-SR** (bupropion)
- **Xanax** (alprazolam)
- **Zoloft** (sertraline)
- **Zyprexa** (olanzapine)

Dealing with prescription drugs can lead to addiction, physical impairment, death, or legal repercussions. Medications should only be taken while under the counsel of a medical professional.

If you are concerned about your own or someone else’s use of prescription medications, call for a confidential consultation with a counselor or health care provider.

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**WARNING!**

"SHARING" MEDICATIONS CAN BE A PRESCRIPTION FOR DANGER!
Your medications have been prescribed for you — and you alone— by your physician. Your physician has chosen the specific medication, dose, and directions for use according to your needs and symptoms.

Medications at any dose can be dangerous or lethal, and can be highly addictive. Prescription drugs are especially dangerous when taken without a previous medical assessment. If you give or sell your medications to another person, that person could have an allergic or idiosyncratic reaction, an interaction with another drug or herbal remedy, or a reaction due to a health condition such as diabetes or heart problems. In short, it could potentially end in irreversible physical damage, or worse, death.

You cannot predict another person’s reaction to a drug that you take safely. You cannot predict your own reaction to a drug that another person takes safely.

There can be several physical implications of drug sharing, as discussed earlier. However, there can also be legal implications of sharing prescription drugs.

Possession of a controlled substance without a prescription is illegal. The private distribution, manufacture and sale of prescription drugs, or the possession or use of prescription drugs that are not prescribed to you, are against the law. Consequences for the possession and criminal sale of prescription drugs may include fines and imprisonment.

If you are a student, you may be risking your education by sharing drugs. College disciplinary action may be taken which may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the college. If you are convicted for violating any of these laws, you forfeit opportunities for federal aid and the SC Life scholarship.