The prevalence of Maine robberies has been dramatically increasing in the past few years. The increase in Maine robberies has been linked to increased addiction of prescription narcotics.

**Results**
- Inc of 1,400% from 2008 -11 in Maine robberies
- Inc in 82% from 2006 - 11 in National robberies
- May-Sept were peak season for Maine robberies
- 7.1% of Maine 12 grades abused Rx drugs last mth
- 32% of drug tx adm. were for synthetic opioids

**Prevention Tools**
- In July 2012, the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force of Maine was implemented strategies to lower the incidence of pharmacy robberies. This allows interstate data sharing, real time reporting, and ongoing education for utilization of PMP to all healthcare professionals.
- Maine recommends initiating the Diversion Alert Program statewide. This program informs pharmacists and physicians of individuals convicted of prescription or illegal drug crimes.

**Conclusion**
The increased incidence of drug abuse in the state of Maine has correlated with the prevalence of pharmacy robberies. A 1400 percent increase of pharmacy robberies within the past 3 years has caught the attention of law enforcement and government. Maine’s attorney general commissioned the drug abuse task force to properly control this pharmacy epidemic.

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