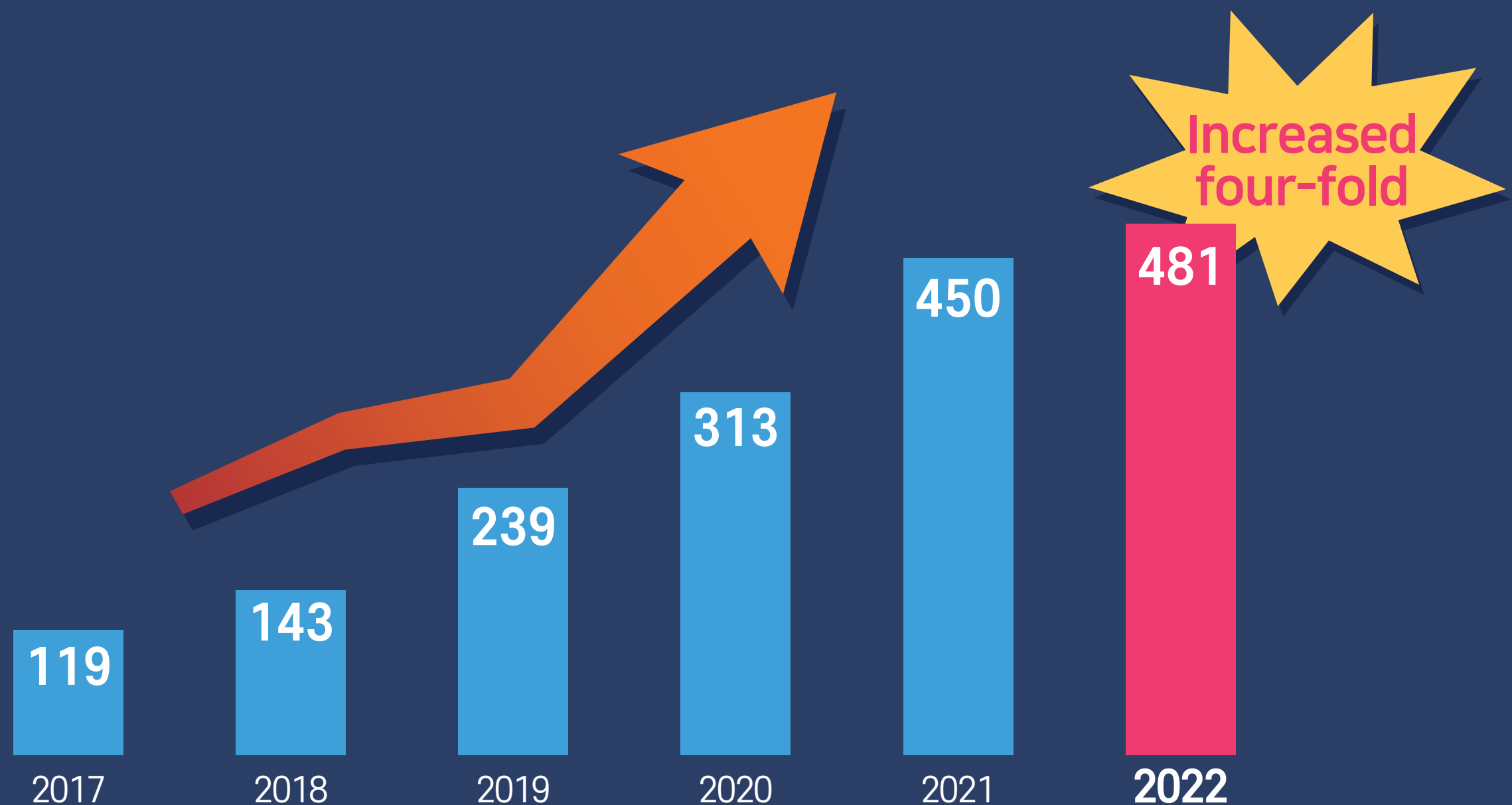




Parental attention needed for drug-related incidents



Are there any real **incidents** of young people being involved in **drug cases**?



Trends of juvenile drug offenders over the past 5 years (under 19 years old)

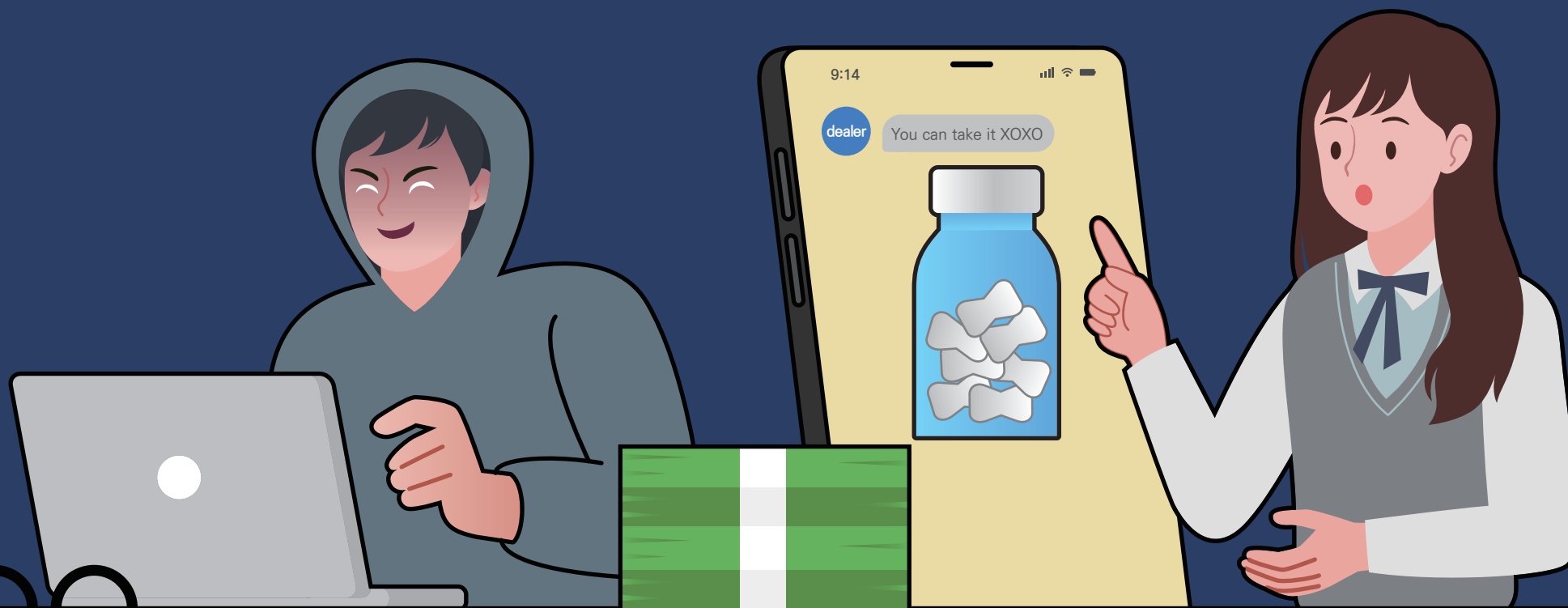
- ✓ Recently, there has been a sharp increase in the number of **young people involved in drug cases**.
- ✓ In addition, there are cases where they **start as victims but end up as perpetrators**.

※Source: White Paper on Drug Crimes (Supreme Prosecutors' Office, 2023)



Case 1

Bought drugs on the **internet**, not knowing it was **psychotropic medication**



- ✓ Psychotropic drugs for medical purposes must be **prescribed by a doctor following medical examination**, and **only the prescribed amount must be used within a prescribed period**.
- ✓ However, there were adolescents who were unaware that what they were buying was psychotropic drugs used for medical purposes. **They bought and used the drugs relying only on an internet advertisement.**
- ✓ Most of the suspects caught for illegal trafficking of psychotropic drugs were found to be teenagers.

※Source: '102 charged for illegally trading phentermine drug via social network', Medical Today (July 29, 2023)

Case 2

Curiosity leads to **drug addiction** and even **drug selling**



- ✓ A group of adolescents tried drugs, tempted by a seller. They became addicted to drugs and eventually, ended up being involved in illegal drug dealing.
- ✓ They regretted deeply that they were **unwittingly engaged in crimes** but there was no turning back.
- ✓ They were charged with psychotropic drug trading under the Specified Crimes Aggravated Punishment Act and sentenced to five to seven years in prison.

※Source: 'Student drug dealers and sellers ... it all started out of curiosity', Seoul Daily (May 6, 2023)

Illegal prescription of strong narcotic painkillers



- ✓ A group of adolescents were illegally prescribed psychotropic drugs that can only be prescribed to adults for the treatment of certain diseases (such as terminal cancer).
- ✓ The addicted youths took drugs in the park, public restrooms and even in schools.
- ✓ They were all punished for violation of the Narcotics Control Act, with some undergoing rehabilitation due to serious addiction.

※Source: 'Young adults engaging in drug use ... Unconcerned because a doctor prescribed them', Seoul Shinmun (October 31, 2021)

Online trade of medicines, even non-narcotics, is **illegal**



- ✓ In particular, sellers often hide the fact that what they are selling is narcotic, so you should **never try to buy medicines online!**
- ✓ Drug buyers can be **charged as drug offenders even though they did not actually use the drugs.**

Drugs! Even **curiosity** is **dangerous**

- ✓ Drug use driven by simple curiosity **can lead to serious crimes.**
- ✓ **Possession of drugs is punishable**, and even minors can be sentenced to prison.
- ✓ Parents/guardians are advised to pay close attention to their children to **prevent their involvement in drug-related incidents.**



Organizations for drug counselling and education



✓ Korean Association Against Drug Abuse (KAADA) : 1899-0893

- Drug counselling is available via phone, mail, email, or personal visits at 13 KAADA regional offices
- Referral to medical institutions for treatment



Organizations for outpatient, hospitalized treatment and counselling



✓ Treatment and protection centers within the local community

✓ Addiction Management Center



Educational materials for prevention of drug use by adolescents



✓ Student Health Information Center : <https://schoolhealth.kr>



Drug Crime Reporting Agencies

- ✓ Police: 112
- ✓ Prosecutors' Office: 1301

※ Please be assured that your personal data will be strictly kept confidential.
※ Counselling is also available through family members or friends.