

Good Samaritan Law.

Always Call 911.
You are Protected.

Ohio's **Good Samaritan Law** protects people who respond to an overdose from civil liability. It also grants immunity for a minor drug possession or drug paraphernalia offense for the person who overdosed **AND** the person who called 911 to seek help.

An overdose is a medical emergency and it is important to call 911!

How can you be protected by the law in Ohio?

- Medical help must be sought for the overdose (by calling 911 or seeking medical care).
- You must get a treatment screening and referral within 30 days.

Limitation of the law:

- The law can only be used twice.

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)

Project DAWN is a network of local naloxone and fentanyl test strip distribution and education programs.
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Reverse an Overdose with Naloxone.



The life you save may be someone you love.



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Signs of an Overdose



Slowly or not breathing.



Unconscious and not responding.



Vomiting.



Choking, snoring, or gurgling.



Discolored skin:

- Ashy color in darker skin tones.
- Blue color in fairer skin tones.

How to Respond to an Overdose

To watch a video of how to respond to an overdose, scan this QR code:



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Check for Response

- Shake the person, call their name, and rub your knuckles against the middle of their chest (aka “sternal rub”).

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Call 911

- Give the location and mention that the person is unresponsive.
- Ohio has a Good Samaritan Law that legally protects those who respond to an overdose and the person overdosing (See back of next panel).

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Give Naloxone

- Follow instructions on the naloxone package you have.
- If the person does not respond in 2 to 5 minutes, give another dose.

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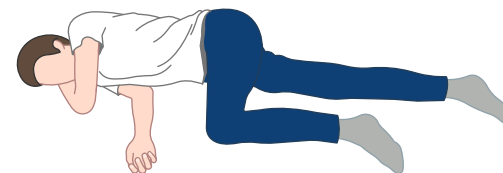
Give Rescue Breaths

- Put the person on their back.
- Tilt head back and chin up.
- Check mouth and assure clear airway.
- Pinch nose slowly and breathe one breath every five seconds. If available, use a rescue breathing barrier device, pocket mask, or face shield.
- Make sure that the chest rises.

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Stay Until Help Arrives

- If the person is breathing, put them into the **recovery position** (see photo below) with their head tilted back.
- If they are not breathing, give one rescue breath every five seconds until help arrives.



For **free naloxone** to be mailed to you, scan this QR code:

