



Illinois Drug Overdose Prevention Program



IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

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What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a medication that can block or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Anyone can easily use naloxone to save the life of someone overdosing on opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, or prescription medicines like OxyContin® or Percocet®.



Illinois Naloxone Policy Facts

Could I get in trouble for carrying naloxone or fentanyl test strips in public?

Since Narcan is not a controlled substance, it is legal to carry. Per Public Act 103-0336, fentanyl test strips are not considered drug paraphernalia.

Will I get in trouble if I use naloxone on someone experiencing an overdose?

Per the Illinois' Good Samaritan Law (PA-096-0361), it is legal for non-medical persons to administer naloxone to another individual to prevent an opioid overdose from becoming fatal.

What are the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) policies on naloxone?

Since Narcan is not a controlled substance, it is permitted in HUD-assisted housing.

Life-saving Tips for Overdose Prevention

- Never use alone (Hotline available: 877-696-1996)
- Test drugs using fentanyl test strips
- Start with a small dose and go slowly
- Avoid mixing drugs
- Carry naloxone, which can reverse overdoses

Signs and Symptoms of Opioid Overdose

include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Slowed, irregular, or no breathing
- Skin, nails turn blue
- Extreme sleepiness
- Unresponsive to sternal rub or when shaken
- Pinpoint pupils

HOW TO USE NALOXONE AND PREVENT OVERDOSE

How to Respond and Administer Nasal Naloxone



Call 911

Naloxone only reverses opioid overdoses, so it's important to call 911, since there could be other toxic substances mixed with the drug supply.



Administer 1 dose of Nasal Naloxone.



Stay with person and monitor for a response.



After 2 minutes, if no response, administer 2nd dose of Nasal Naloxone in alternate nostril.

WHERE CAN I GET THIS LIFE SAVING MEDICATION?

Illinois Overdose Prevention Providers:

bit.ly/IL-OEND

Illinois Helpline:

To find treatment, recovery, and harm reduction resources, including free naloxone, contact the Helpline at 833-234-6343, text "HELP" to 833234, or visit helplineil.org.



Anyone can be at risk of an overdose and many illicit drugs contain other substances, so it's important to have naloxone available for any drug use. Remember: The goal of administering naloxone is to restore breathing, not consciousness, and usually no more than 1-4 doses are needed.

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