

FACTS *about* Naloxone

What is it?

It is a **SAFE MEDICINE** that **rapidly reverses an opioid overdose**.^{*} *Examples of opioids include heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone (OxyContin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), codeine, and morphine.*

But it only reverses an overdose in people with opioids in their systems and will not reverse overdoses from other drugs like cocaine or methamphetamine.

Is it **SAFE** to give to someone if I'm not sure they are overdosing or not?

Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing, but it has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system.

What does it **LOOK** like?

There are two FDA-approved formulations of naloxone: injectable and prepackaged nasal spray.

Is **NARCAN** the same as naloxone?

Narcan is a brand name for naloxone, but there are other formulations and brands. The proper generic name is "naloxone."

How does it work?

Naloxone should be given to anyone who shows **SIGNS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE** or when an overdose is suspected. Recognizing the signs and knowing how to administer it can save a life.

What to **LOOK** for:

- Unconsciousness
- Very small pupils
- Slow or shallow breathing
- Vomiting
- An inability to speak
- Faint heartbeat
- Limp arms and legs
- Pale skin
- Purple lips and fingernails



You Can Help

Administration



Watch a short video about
how to administer naloxone:
<https://youtu.be/KO6EMLy26nU?si=BmCoR9gAQDMGUJGE>

Step 1: CHECK if you suspect an overdose:

- CHECK for a suspected overdose: the person will not wake up or is very sleepy or not breathing well
- yell "Wake up!"
- shake the person gently
- if the person is not awake, go to Step 2

Step 2: Give 1st dose in the nose

- HOLD the nasal spray device with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger
- INSERT the nozzle into either NOSTRIL
- PRESS the plunger firmly to give the 1st dose
- 1 nasal spray device contains 1 dose

Step 3: Call 911

- CALL 911 immediately after giving the 1st dose

Step 4: WATCH & GIVE

- WAIT 2-3 minutes after the 1st dose to give the medicine time to work
- if the person wakes up: Go to Step 5
- if the person does not wake up: CONTINUE TO GIVE doses every 2-3 minutes until the person wakes up
- It is safe to keep giving doses

Step 5: STAY

- STAY until ambulance arrives: even if the person wakes up
- GIVE another dose if the person gets sleepy again
- You may need to give all the doses in the pack

Resources

HOPE Services

- Provides naloxone trainings
- wichita.edu/prevention

Kansas DCCCA

- Provides free naloxone
- dccca.org/naloxone-program/

Pharmacies dispensing Naloxone

- www.pharmacy.ks.gov/k-tracs/pharmacists/naloxone-dispensing

A Second Chance Bail Bonds

- Free naloxone vending machine
- 705 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67214

