

What is naloxone?

Naloxone, also known by the trade name Narcan, is a medication that quickly reverses the effects of overdoses from heroin and opiates such as fentanyl. Naloxone can restore breathing within two to five minutes and save a life.

NALOXONE IS SAFE

Naloxone is safe to administer and safe to receive.

- Naloxone is safe for all ages.
- Naloxone is nontoxic unless the person is allergic to naloxone.
- Naloxone does not create chemical dependency.
- Naloxone has no positive or negative effects on a person who does not have opioids in their system.

HOW CAN I GET READY TO SAVE A LIFE WITH NALOXONE?

Naloxone is easy to use and anyone can learn the symptoms of overdose, such as:

- Slurred speech
- Slow breathing
- Won't wake up

Naloxone can be given by nasal spray or injection. The most common use is the nasal spray.

If you are at risk or know someone who is, you can get naloxone at any pharmacy.

When you give someone who might be overdosing naloxone and call first responders for help, state law protects you from prosecution.

For more information on how to save a life with naloxone;

www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone