



# NALOXONE

CAN TEMPORARILY REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE AND IN AN OVERDOSE STATE, CAN BE A LIFESAVER.

## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is a prescription medication that temporarily reverses an opioid overdose. Sold under the brandname Narcan® or Evzio®, the medication can be given by intranasal spray or auto-injector.

## IS NALOXONE SAFE?

Naloxone has no potential for abuse or addiction. It is safe, effective and approved by the FDA. However, this lifesaving effect is temporary. An overdose always requires immediate medical attention.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Naloxone is an antidote to overdose of heroin or other opioid drugs, working within a few minutes of administration. It works by blocking the effects of opioids in a person's system, helping to restore breathing. Naloxone has no effect on a person that has not used heroin or other opioids and does not work with other drugs.

**Overdose deaths in New Jersey increased from 1695 deaths in 2015 to 2284 deaths in 2016** - CDC & Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics

## RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF OPIOID OVERDOSE

**AN OPIOID OVERDOSE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION**

- **FACE** is clammy to touch and has lost color. Vomiting or gurgling noises.
- **BODY** is limp. Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple tinge.
- **SLEEP** is deep and cannot be awakened. Difficulty speaking.
- **BREATHING** is slow or has stopped.
- **HEARTBEAT** is slow or has stopped.

## IF YOU WITNESS AN OVERDOSE

1. Call 911 and administer Naloxone.
2. Do rescue breathing or chest compressions. Follow 911 dispatcher directions.
3. Remain onsite until assistance arrives and cooperate with first responders. **The NJ Overdose Protection Act protects you so you can protect your friend.**

  
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