

# Colorado 911 Good Samaritan Law and Related Resources

## COLORADO RESOURCES

Services and information related to the Colorado 911 Good Samaritan Law and access to the overdose reversal drug, Naloxone.

### STATEWIDE RESOURCES

**Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention** - Coordinates Colorado's response to the misuse of medications such as opioids, stimulants, and sedatives. The Consortium's mission is to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse in Colorado by developing policies, programs, and partnerships with the many Colorado agencies, organizations, and community coalitions addressing one of the state's major public health crises.

Website - <http://www.corxconsortium.org/>

Community Reference: Strategies and Tools - <http://www.corxconsortium.org/communityreference/>

Harm Reduction - <http://www.corxconsortium.org/work-groups/harm-reduction/>

### **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment**

Opioid Overdose Prevention - <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/opioid-prevention>

Standing Orders - <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/naloxoneorders>

"Senate Bill 15-053 expands access to the life-saving drug Naloxone, used to reverse overdoses to narcotic drugs such as certain prescription medications and heroin. As a result of the new law, the chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) may issue standing orders for Naloxone to be dispensed by pharmacies and harm reduction organization employees and volunteers to help expand statewide Naloxone access to those who need it most."

911 Good Samaritan Law, C.R.S. §18-1-711

[ <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/colorado-public-health-harm-reduction-legislation> ]

The 911 Good Samaritan Law states that a person is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense when the person reports, in good faith, an emergency drug or alcohol overdose even to a law enforcement officer, to the 911 system, or to a medical provider. This same immunity applies to persons who remain at the scene of the event until a law enforcement officer or an emergency medical responder arrives, or if the person remains at the facilities of the medical provider until a law enforcement officer, emergency medical responder, or medical provider arrives. The immunity described above also extends to the person who suffered the emergency drug or alcohol overdose event.

### **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** (Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies)

Resources - <https://www.colorado.gov/dora-pdmp/resources-pdmp>

Opioid Guidelines (Division of Professions and Occupations) - [https://www.colorado.gov/dora/opioid\\_guidelines](https://www.colorado.gov/dora/opioid_guidelines)

### **Syringe Access Programs/Services**

Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment - Program Listing

<https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/reducing-infections-injection-drug-use>

Additional program listing (Points West Syringe Services Program - Jefferson County Public Health)

<https://www.pointswestjeffco.com/other-colorado-syringe-access-programs>

**Harm Reduction Center** - to educate, empower, and advocate for the health and dignity of Colorado's people who inject drugs, in accordance with harm reduction principles.

Stop the Clock Colorado - <http://stoptheclockcolorado.org/>

Colorado Naloxone Map - <http://stoptheclockcolorado.org/map/>

### **Naloxone WITHOUT a Prescription**

Check for the pharmacy nearest you participating in the Naloxone availability program, for example: Albertson's/Safeway, CVS Pharmacy, Kroger/King Soopers/City Market, Walgreens, Walmart/Sam's Club, and Rite-Aid.

See also, GoodRx "Here's How to Get Naloxone, the Opioid Overdose Antidote, Without a Prescription"

<https://www.goodrx.com/blog/heres-how-to-get-naloxone-the-opioid-overdose-antidote-without-a-prescription/>

## 911 Good Samaritan Law

"...**Just call for the help you need.**  
If someone doesn't call because they're high and someone else loses their life, that's a tragedy. A life is more important than a bust, and that's what this law is designed to address."

**James van Beek, Eagle County Sheriff**

*Colorado immunity law protects those who report drug, alcohol overdoses*

(Randy Wyrick, VailDaily.com; January 23, 2017)

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## **Naloxone WITHOUT a Prescription (cont'd)**

Walgreens

Handout - [https://www.walgreens.com/images/adaptive/pdf/pharmacy/naloxone\\_patient\\_handout.pdf](https://www.walgreens.com/images/adaptive/pdf/pharmacy/naloxone_patient_handout.pdf)

About Naloxone - <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/pharmacy/naloxone.jsp>

CVS Pharmacy

Save a Life - <https://www.cvs.com/content/prescription-drug-abuse/save-a-life>

Albertsons/Safeway

Press release - <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/albertsons-companies-pharmacists-help-reduce-us-opioid-overdoses-in-their-communities-with-narcan-nasal-spray-300412297.html>

Kroger/King Soopers/City Market

Press release - <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/kroger-announces-several-steps-to-combat-opioid-abuse-300626735.html>

Rite Aid

Press release - <https://investors.riteaid.com/news/news-details/2018/Naloxone-Available-At-Rite-Aid-Pharmacies-in-19-States-2018-4-19/>

Walmart

Know the Facts: What is an Opioid? (and naloxone availability) - <https://corporate.walmart.com/know-the-facts>

## **DENVER RESOURCES**

Check your local community for similar resources or access local resources listed at the above **STATEWIDE** websites.

**Harm Reduction Center** - to educate, empower, and advocate for the health and dignity of Colorado's people who inject drugs, in accordance with harm reduction principles.

Website - <http://harmreductionactioncenter.org/>

Video: Harm Reduction 101 - [https://youtu.be/fXJj\\_jgFmE](https://youtu.be/fXJj_jgFmE)

Stop the Clock Colorado - <http://stoptheclockcolorado.org/>

Colorado Naloxone Map - <http://stoptheclockcolorado.org/map/>

**Denver Health** - A complete health care system, proudly providing care for all residents at every point in their lives, offering hospital and emergency care to the public, regardless of ability to pay. (<https://www.denverhealth.org/>)

Alcohol Addiction - <https://www.denverhealth.org/conditions/a/alcohol-use-disorder>

Opioid Addiction - <https://www.denverhealth.org/conditions/o/opioid-addiction>

Prescription Drug Addiction - <https://www.denverhealth.org/conditions/p/prescription-drug-addiction>

**Public Health Institute at Denver Health** - Works with community partners to inform, educate, offer services, and promote policy change to make Denver a healthy community for all people (<https://www.phidenverhealth.org/>)

Substance Misuse and Addiction - <https://www.phidenverhealth.org/community-health-promotion/substance-misuse>

Denver Vital Signs - <https://www.phidenverhealth.org/health-data-statistics/denver-vital-signs> (see December 2017!)

## **Denver Department of Public Health & Environment**

Substance Misuse - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Public-Health-Environment/Community-Behavioral-Health/Behavioral-Health-Strategies/Substance-Misuse>

Overdose Prevention - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Public-Health-Environment/Community-Behavioral-Health/Behavioral-Health-Strategies/Overdose-Prevention>

Fentanyl Testing Strips and Naloxone Request Form - <https://us.openforms.com/Form/0b3ab074-c139-481b-9912-331b3c9b147b>

What is Naloxone? - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Public-Health-Environment/Community-Behavioral-Health/Behavioral-Health-Strategies/Overdose-Prevention#section-4>

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## GENERAL RESOURCES

General services and information related to the Good Samaritan Laws and access to the overdose reversal drug, Naloxone.

(★ Superior resource!)

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Opioid Overdose - <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/>

### National Conference of State Legislatures

Drug Overdose Immunity and Good Samaritan Laws

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/civil-and-criminal-justice/drug-overdose-immunity-good-samaritan-laws.aspx>

## HARM REDUCTION AND PREVENTION

**Center for Opioid Safety Education** (University of Washington) - offers education and technical assistance for individuals, professionals, and communities in Washington State who want to learn how to prevent and intervene in opioid addiction and overdose.

Website - <http://stopoverdose.org/>

**Harm Reduction Coalition** - a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that promotes the health and dignity of individuals and communities impacted by drug use.

Website - <http://harmreduction.org/>

**Project Know** - aims to inform parents and family members of those struggling with addiction, as well as addicts and alcoholics themselves, about the options available for treating addiction.

Website - <https://www.projectknow.com/>

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Opioid Overdose - <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/treatment/opioid-overdose>

Opioid Overdose Toolkit - <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA18-4742>

### U.S. Surgeon General Advisory - Opioid Overdose Prevention

<https://www.surgeongeneral.gov/priorities/opioid-overdose-prevention/index.html>

## POLICY, ADVOCACY, EDUCATION & RESEARCH

### Broken No More [ADVOCACY & EDUCATION]

Website - <http://broken-no-more.org/>

### Drug Policy Alliance [POLICY & ADVOCACY]

Website - <http://www.drugpolicy.org/>

### The Network for Public Health Law [POLICY, ADVOCACY & EDUCATION]

Drug Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction -

[https://www.networkforphl.org/topics\\_resources/topics\\_resources/drug\\_overdose\\_prevention\\_and\\_harm\\_reduction/](https://www.networkforphl.org/topics_resources/topics_resources/drug_overdose_prevention_and_harm_reduction/)

Compendium: State by State Naloxone Access and Good Samaritan Laws (July 2017) -

[https://www.networkforphl.org/\\_asset/qz5pvn/legal-interventions-to-reduce-overdose.pdf](https://www.networkforphl.org/_asset/qz5pvn/legal-interventions-to-reduce-overdose.pdf)

### ★ Prescription Drug Abuse Policy System [POLICY]

Interactive, State-by-State Maps of Laws

Good Samaritan - <http://pdaps.org/datasets/good-samaritan-overdose-laws-1501695153>

Naloxone Administration - <http://pdaps.org/datasets/laws-regulating-administration-of-naloxone-1501695139>

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## **Partnership for Drug-Free Kids**

Heroin & the Opioid Epidemic: From Understanding to Action - <https://drugfree.org/heroin-opioid-epidemic/>

## **Scattergood Foundation [POLICY & ADVOCACY]**

*America's Opioid Epidemic (2017)* - <https://www.scattergoodfoundation.org/publication/americas-opioid-epidemic/>

## **Shatterproof [ADVOCACY & EDUCATION]**

Website - <https://www.shatterproof.org/>

## **Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic - SAFE Project [ADVOCACY & EDUCATION]**

Website - <https://www.safeproject.us/>

## **University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute [RESEARCH]**

Evaluation: 911 Good Samaritan Overdose Law - <http://stopoverdose.org/section/good-samaritan-law/#eval>

## **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) & Resilience [ADVOCACY & EDUCATION]**

ACEs Connection - <https://www.acesconnectioninfo.com/>

ACEs (CDC Injury Prevention & Control) - <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priority/aces.html>

ACEs Blog: *ACES Too High* - <https://acestoohigh.com/>

ACEs (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) - <https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/collections/aces.html>

The Community Resilience Cookbook - <http://communityresiliencecookbook.org/>

*Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope* (Film) - <https://kpirfilms.co/resilience/>

## **OVERDOSE REVERSAL**

### **NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse**

Opioid Overdose Reversal with Naloxone (Narcan, Evzio) -

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/opioid-overdose-reversal-naloxone-narcan-evzio>

**OpiRescue** - free overdose support tool provided by OpiSafe, a safe opioid prescribing platform for care providers.

Website - <https://opirescue.com/> (Associated app for iPhone and Android!)

### **Partnership for Drug-Free Kids**

How to Use Naloxone to Reverse Opioid Overdose and Save Lives -

<https://drugfree.org/article/overdose-response-treatment/>

**Prescribe to Prevent** (For Prescribers and Patients!) - <http://prescribeprevent.org/>

Compiled by several naloxone access and overdose prevention advocates because we have individually been receiving inquiries from providers who want to make naloxone available to their patients, but don't know how to do it.

Also, Educational Videos - <http://prescribeprevent.org/patient-education/videos/>

### **Toward the Heart**

Overdose Recognition - <http://www.towardtheheart.com/prevention>

Naloxone Training - <http://www.towardtheheart.com/naloxone-training>

## **DRUG INFORMATION**

### **FDA: "Postmarket" Drug Safety**

<https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/default.htm>

### **Get Smart About Drugs** (A DEA Resource)

Website - <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/>

Drugs of Abuse (2020) - <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/publication/drugs-abuse-2020>

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**NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse** - To advance science on the causes and consequences of drug use and addiction and to apply that knowledge to improve individual and public health.

Website - <https://nida.nih.gov/>

**National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations** - <https://naspa.us/>

Naloxone Access: Community Pharmacies Map -

<https://naspa.us/resource/naloxone-access-community-pharmacies/>

[https://naspa.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ALBC82058\\_MON\\_Naloxone\\_Adheris.jpg](https://naspa.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ALBC82058_MON_Naloxone_Adheris.jpg)

**Get Naloxone Now** - To reduce overdose deaths. To provide evidence-based education about opioid-associated overdose and naloxone. To reduce stigma. Website - <http://www.getnaloxonenow.org/>

**NIH: U.S. National Library of Medicine - MedlinePlus**

Naloxone Nasal Spray -

<https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a616003.html>

## Naloxone (Narcan)



- Short-term opioid blocker for emergencies
- Used for opioid overdose

- Common opioids include, hydrocodone (Vikes), oxycodone (Oxy), percocet, oxymorphone, morphine, codeine, fentanyl

**How to treat**-If you suspect someone has overdosed, the most important step to take is to call 911 so he or she can receive immediate medical attention. Once medical personnel arrive, they will administer naloxone. Naloxone is a medicine that can treat an opioid overdose when given right away. It works by rapidly binding to opioid receptors and blocking the effects of opioid drugs. Naloxone is available as an injectable (needle) solution, a hand-held auto-injector (EVZIO®), and a nasal spray (NARCAN® Nasal Spray).

Some states (including Colorado...see **Naloxone WITHOUT a Prescription** above) have passed laws that allow pharmacists to dispense naloxone without a personal prescription. This allows friends, family, and others in the community to use the auto-injector and nasal spray versions of naloxone to save someone who is overdosing.



<p>NARCAN (Nasal spray) <a href="https://www.narcan.com/">https://www.narcan.com/</a></p>  <p>Video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXazhRk6Td4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXazhRk6Td4</a></p>	<p>EVZIO (Auto Injector) <a href="https://naloxoneautoinjector.com/">https://naloxoneautoinjector.com/</a></p>  <p>Video: &lt;At site link above&gt;</p>
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## Naloxone versus Naltrexone

Information page - <https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/naloxone-vs-naltrexone>

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRIEF RECOVERY

A search of the web with terms like, "Colorado substance abuse" "Colorado substance grief recovery" will allow the discovery of the services nearest you.