

# How to Respond to an Opioid Overdose?

If taken differently than prescribed, opioids can cause death by slowing, and eventually stopping, a person's breathing. However, quick response to an opioid overdose, including administering naloxone and calling for medical assistance, can prevent brain injury and death.

## [Opioid Overdose Reversal with Naloxone \(Narcan, Evzio\)](#)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) created an online resource to raise awareness about naloxone. It includes information on where to get naloxone.

- [Surgeon General's Advisory on Naloxone](#)
- [Naloxone Injection](#)
- [Naloxone Nasal Spray](#)



## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose.

*Available in three FDA-approved formulations: injectable, autoinjectable and prepackaged nasal spray.*



## [Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit - Updated 2016 \(en Español\)](#)

Toolkit for communities and local governments from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) includes material to

develop policies and practices to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths.

### [Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit](#)

Toolkit for public safety officers provides basic information, resources, and guidance on using naloxone to treat opioid overdose. It includes resources to support establishing a naloxone program.

### [Prevent and Protect](#)

Help for people to gain access to naloxone. Also provides tools for organizations conducting overdose prevention and naloxone advocacy, outreach, and communication campaigns.

### [Drug Overdose Immunity and Good Samaritan Laws](#)

Policymakers are seeking solutions that will help curb use and overdose by expanding Good Samaritan immunity, and increasing naloxone access.

### [Naloxone Training Video from the Baltimore City Health Department](#)

Video on the dangers of opioid misuse, symptoms to recognize an opioid overdose, and a demonstration of how to assemble a naloxone kit and how to administer naloxone intranasally. For additional information visit <http://dontdie.org/>

### [Prevention Conversations: Lessons from Local Communities](#)

Videos describe the importance of facilitating the widespread distribution of the opioid reversal medication naloxone.

### [FDA's Naloxone App Prize Competition Celebrates Innovation In Search of Technological Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic](#)

FDA launched this competition to develop innovative solutions to the problem of how to rapidly connect naloxone carriers to a person experiencing an opioid overdose.