

See an overdose? Call 911 immediately!

What should I do if I see an overdose?

- Call 911 immediately!
- Say “I think someone may have overdosed. They aren’t breathing.”
- Use Narcan (the opioid overdose reversal drug) on the person, if you have it.
- If the person is not breathing and you know how, do rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth) or chest compressions.
- Lay the person on their side once they resume breathing.

How do I recognize signs of an overdose?

- The person is unconscious and you can’t wake them.
- The person is breathing slowly or not at all.
- Lips or nails are turning blue.

Afraid to call 911? Don’t be!

New York’s “911 Good Samaritan” law provides protections from charge and prosecution for drug and alcohol possession for the victim and those who seek help during an overdose.

For more information on overdose prevention, please contact the New York State Department of Health at 1-800-692-8528.

New York’s **911 Good Samaritan** law protects you even if you shared drugs with others or possess paraphernalia. The protections do not extend to outstanding warrants, probation or parole violations, drug sales, and other non-drug crimes.

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