

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS

PROTECT YOU. SAVE LIVES.



Good Samaritan laws are designed to save lives. They protect people who call 911 during an overdose or poisoning emergency—even if drugs are involved.

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WHY THESE LAWS MATTER



Fear of getting in trouble is one of the biggest reasons people don't call for help.



That delay can cost a life.



Good Samaritan laws remove that barrier.

REALITY OF OVERDOSES



Many people don't use alone—but overdoses often happen that way.



Someone may have been there and left out of fear.



Good Samaritan laws are meant to remove that fear.
CALL 911. STAY. SAVE A LIFE.

WHAT PROTECTION DO THEY PROVIDE?

In most states, if you call 911 for an overdose:



You cannot be arrested or charged for simple drug possession.



The person overdosing is also protected.



Protection applies even if you used drugs together.

(Laws vary by state—check local guidelines.)

WHAT THEY DO NOT COVER

Good Samaritan laws typically do NOT protect against:



Drug trafficking or distribution



Outstanding warrants



Other serious crimes

WHAT TO DO IN AN OVERDOSE

1



CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

Tell them someone is not breathing or unresponsive.

2



STAY WITH THE PERSON

Stay with the person until help arrives.

3



GIVE NALOXONE IF YOU HAVE IT

Naloxone can reverse an overdose and save a life.



DON'T WAIT. DON'T LEAVE. DON'T BE AFRAID TO CALL.

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE—AND THE LAW IS THERE TO PROTECT YOU.



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