

# KNOW THE SIGNS OF DRUG OVERDOSE



Drowsiness  
or Nodding



Hallucinations



Coma



Breathing Difficulties



Dizziness



Nausea



Blue Coloring



Seizures

## What should you do if you recognize the signs of a drug overdose?

### Call 911

Seek immediate medical assistance. Most states have laws protecting people who report another drug user during a medical emergency. Leave your fears aside, save a life!

### Call Poison Control

In case 911 is not available in your area, call Poison Control. This is the poison emergency US hotline. Your call will be answered by first-aid experts who will guide you.

### Keep Them Awake

Keep the person who has overdosed conscious. One of the most dangerous things you can do, especially in case of opiates, is to let the person sleep it off.

### Check On Them

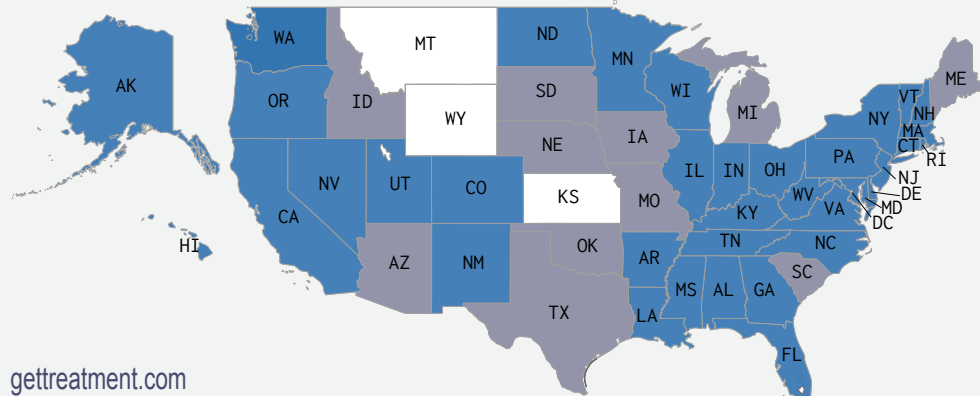
Check the person's pulse, breathing and airway. If unconscious, but breathing, lay the person in recovery position: on a side, making sure that the airway remains open by tilting the head back and lifting the chin.

### Begin CPR

If needed, start CPR. Place the person on a hard surface. Kneel beside and place your hands in the center of his/her chest. Begin compressions. Try to maintain around 100 compressions a minute. Continue until help arrives. Don't give up!

## State Legislation: Overdose Prevention (2016)

- Have Not Passed Naloxone Access Law or 911 Good Samaritan Law
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