

911 Good Samaritan and Naloxone Access Law: What this means for North Carolina



North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

Calling 911/Seeking Help: What Should You Know?

FOR OVERDOSES: As of April 9, 2013, a person who seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing a drug overdose **can not** be prosecuted for possession of small amounts of most drugs **or** for possession of drug paraphernalia if evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of that person seeking help. The victim is protected from these charges as well.

FOR ALCOHOL POISONING: As of April 9, 2013, an underage person who seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing alcohol poisoning **can not** be prosecuted for possession **or** consumption of alcohol if evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of that person seeking help. **However**, the person must give their real name when seeking help and then remain with the victim until help arrives.

YOU CAN NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR:

- Possession of small amounts of drugs
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Underage possession or consumption of alcohol



Administering and Prescribing Naloxone (aka Narcan): What Should You Know?

WHAT IS NALOXONE? Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is an effective, non-addictive prescription medication that reverses opioid drug overdose. It can be given by intramuscular injection, as a nasal spray using a special adapter, or as an IV fluid.

PRESCRIBING: As of April 9, 2013, doctors and other medical providers can prescribe naloxone to people at risk for an overdose **AND** to family members, friends, or other persons who could administer naloxone in the case of a drug overdose.

IMMUNITY: Doctors and other providers who prescribe naloxone **AND** the people who administer naloxone in the case of an overdose will be immune from any civil or criminal charges as long as they act in good faith.

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