

NALOXONE - THE BASICS

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WHAT IS NALOXONE?

NALOXONE IS A MEDICATION THAT CAN REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF OPIOIDS LIKE HEROIN OR TRAMADOL. IN AN EMERGENCY OVERDOSE SITUATION, IT CAN BE A LIFE-SAVER.

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IS NALOXONE SAFE TO USE?

YES. NALOXONE IS SAFE. IF IT IS GIVEN TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT HAVING AN OPIOID OVERDOSE, IT WILL HAVE NO EFFECTS.

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WHEN SHOULD NALOXONE BE USED?

NALOXONE SHOULD BE USED WHEN IT IS SUSPECTED THAT SOMEONE HAS HAD A DRUG OVERDOSE AND THEY ARE UNRESPONSIVE. THEY MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER SIGNS – SHALLOW BREATHING, SNORING, PALE OR ASHEN SKIN, BLUE LIPS, PINPOINT PUPILS.

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WHO CAN ADMINISTER NALOXONE, DO I HAVE TO BE A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL?

IN AN EMERGENCY ANYONE CAN USE NALOXONE TO TRY AND SAVE A LIFE AND BUY THE PERSON TIME UNTIL THEY ARE SEEN BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

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DO I NEED TRAINING TO ADMINISTER NALOXONE?

TRAINING IN HOW TO RECOGNISE AN OVERDOSE AND WHAT TO DO, INCLUDING ADMINISTERING NALOXONE IS SIMPLE AND READILY AVAILABLE. IN AN EMERGENCY, ANYONE IS ALLOWED TO USE NALOXONE TO TRY AND SAVE A LIFE, EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED TO DO SO.

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WHERE CAN I GET NALOXONE?

YOU CAN GET NALOXONE FOR FREE AT PARTICIPATING LOCAL PHARMACIES, FROM DRUG SERVICES AND OTHER SERVICES OR YOU CAN ORDER IT ONLINE.

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DO I NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO GET NALOXONE?

YOU DO NOT NEED A PRESCRIPTION.

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IS IT LEGAL FOR ME TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER NALOXONE?

IT IS LEGAL FOR YOU TO CARRY NALOXONE AT ANY TIME AND TO ADMINISTER IT TO SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING A SUSPECTED OVERDOSE AND IS UNRESPONSIVE.

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