

Be a Hero—Save a Life!

If you witness an overdose and call 911,
Rhode Island's Good Samaritan Law protects YOU.

The Good Samaritan Law provides immunity against prosecution to any person who calls for medical assistance when someone is experiencing an overdose.

The law also provides protection to the person who is experiencing the overdose.

I'm going to call 911 and
get help.

Yes, make the call.



If you see these signs of an overdose, **take action**.

If the person:

- Is unconscious, passed out or unresponsive
- Is breathing very slowly, shallowly, or not at all
- Has lips, nails or skin with a blue or gray tinge
- Is choking, gurgling or vomiting
- Has a slow, erratic pulse or no pulse

Act fast! Call 911!

- Tell them a person needs emergency help for an overdose.
- If you have naloxone, administer it.
- Stay with the person until help arrives.

**No one should be afraid to
make a phone call to save a life.**

Protections Offered by the Rhode Island Good Samaritan Law

Who is protected by the Good Samaritan Law?

- Anyone who seeks medical help for someone during an overdose
- Anyone who administers naloxone to someone experiencing an overdose
- The person experiencing the overdose is also protected.

To get a naloxone kit:

For training in the prevention, recognition, and treatment of opioid overdoses and to obtain a free naloxone kit, visit poniri.org or preventoverdoseri.org/get-naloxone.

Preventing Overdose and Naloxone Intervention (PONI) is a program out of The Miriam Hospital.

For help finding treatment:

BHLink connects Rhode Islanders experiencing mental health and substance use crises to treatment and recovery services. Visit bhlink.org or call **401-414-LINK (5465)**.

