

## North Carolina's Good Samaritan Law

Calling 911 during a drug overdose

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Under North Carolina law, you can call 911 for help during a drug overdose

The victim and the caller are protected from prosecution for the following;

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- •Possession of small amounts of most drugs
- •Possession of drug paraphernalia
- •Underage possession or consumption of alcohol
- •Violating conditions of parole, post-release or probation

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The caller must provide their name to law enforcement or EMS to qualify for the legal protections

As of January 2016, 52 law enforcement departments in North Carolina carry naloxone to save the lives of overdose victims

## WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is an effective, non-abuseable medication that reverses opioid drug overdose. Opioids include heroin, methadone and prescription painkillers such as Percocet, Vicodin, Oxy, etc. Naloxone restores breathing in the overdose victim

### LIABILITY UNDER THE LAW

Anyone who uses naloxone to reverse an overdose is immune from civil and criminal liability as long as they do so in good faith. Medical providers who prescribe naloxone and pharmacists who dispense naloxone are also immune from civil/criminal liability.



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For information on how to get a FREE naloxone kit or about how the law applies to you, contact NCHRC at hnamkoong88@gmail.com or call/text us at 919-218-4505