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[Naloxone \(Narcan\):
The Opioid
Overdose Reversal
Medication](#)



**Naloxone is a safe,
fast acting, nasal
spray that
temporarily reverses
an opioid overdose.**



**Suspect an Overdose?
Always call 9-1-1**

The Good Samaritan Law protects both the person overdosing and the person who calls 9-1-1 for assistance from unwarranted legal consequences related to drug paraphernalia found on scene.

It does not protect people with outstanding warrants*

Resources:

Norasaves.com

Norasaves.com is a website developed by the CT Department of Public Health that reviews how to prevent, identify & respond to an opioid overdose.

Save it to your smartphones home page for quick reference!

NeverUseAlone.com

If you are planning to use substances, call the Never Use Alone Hotline **(800) 484-3731**. The hotline monitors your wellbeing and calls for assistance if you become unresponsive.

ConnectGNH.org

ConnectGNH.org has information on overdose trends, naloxone sites, treatment, harm reduction and support services specific to the Greater New Haven area.

Where to find Narcan:

Many community organizations offer Narcan, for free, to anyone who might need it. To locate your nearest community provider, please visit the following site:

<https://connectgnh.org/service/naloxone/>

You can also visit your local pharmacy and ask about **over the counter Narcan availability**. Most pharmacists can prescribe it and teach you how to use it on the spot. Prices usually range from \$10-\$25 with insurance. For questions or concerns about Naloxone availability please contact the Quinnipiack Valley Health District: (203) 248-4528 or email info@qvhd.org

Add Naloxone to your first aid kit!



Include Narcan Nasal Spray, CPR Face Shields, and hand sanitizer in your first aid kit for a safe, prompt response in case an overdose occurs.

Remember:

Over 93,000 people died of a drug overdose in 2020. Anyone can overdose, anyone can save a life.

There are 4 types of naloxone.



Injection
(intramuscular)



Nasal Spray
(intranasal)



Auto-Injector
(EVZIO®)



Narcan®
Nasal Spray

Narcan Nasal Spray is the most widely available, and easiest to use form of Naloxone.

For more information on Naloxone availability or fentanyl test strips visit: www.connectgnh.org

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication used to reverse an Opioid Overdose. When taken in excess, opioids reduce the body's ability to breathe. Naloxone works quickly to block the effects of the opioid. Naloxone is harmless if administered in error to someone who is not experiencing an opioid overdose.

What is an opioid?

Opioids, or opium, is a drug that is naturally derived from the poppy plant. It works to reduce, and even eliminate pain by blocking pain signals between the brain and the body.

Common opioids that you might be familiar with include, but are not limited to:

- Prescription Opioids often received from a doctor: Vicodin, Oxy, Morphine, etc.
- Heroin
- Fentanyl

Fentanyl:

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100x stronger than morphine. Fentanyl was involved in **85% of CT's 1,378 fatal overdoses** in 2020.

Fentanyl is being **mixed into most street drugs**, including counterfeit pills. **Remember:** start low & go slow, never use alone, always have naloxone nearby & test your product using fentanyl test strips before using.