HOW TO RESPOND TO A DRUG OVERDOSE TO SAVE A LIFE: USE NARCAN®

GET RECOVERY SUPPORT

ANCHOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY CENTERS
PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT SERVICES
www.anchorrecovery.org
249 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI  721-5100
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Telephone recovery support and recovery specialists available every day.

For additional resources call the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals at 462-4680 or visit http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/opioid_use_disorders.php www.preventoverdoseri.org

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STEP 1: IDENTIFY OVERDOSE
If someone is not breathing or is struggling to breathe, call his or her name and rub your knuckles on the chest.
Other signs that may help you identify an overdose are:
blue or pale skin • small pupils • low blood pressure • slow heart beat • slow or shallow breathing
snoring sound • gasping for breath

STEP 2: ENSURE EMS IS ON THEIR WAY
Get medical help as quickly as possible.

STEP 3: GIVE RESCUE BREATHS
- Make sure nothing is in the person’s mouth blocking the airway.
- Place one hand on the chin and tilt the head back.
- With the other hand pinch the nose closed.
- Administer two slow breaths and look for the chest to rise.
- Continue administering 1 breath every 5 seconds until the person starts breathing on his or her own.
  Continue this for at least 30 seconds.
  If the person is still unresponsive, administer Narcan (naloxone).

STEP 4: GIVE NARCAN
Follow the instructions on the naloxone package insert. While preparing the naloxone for administering, continue giving rescue breaths.

STEP 5: STAY UNTIL MEDICAL HELP ARRIVES
Naloxone can make someone enter withdrawal.
They can also go back into overdose if they took a long-acting opioid.
Repeat doses of naloxone may be needed.

STEP 6: MAKE SURE FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW HOW TO ACCESS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY