



# FAQS

## ABOUT NALOXONE

### **What is naloxone?**

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from all types of opioids (heroin, fentanyl and prescription) when given in time.

### **Is there an age cutoff for someone getting naloxone?**

No. Naloxone can be given to anyone of any age.

### **What should you do if you think a pregnant person is experiencing an overdose?**

Naloxone is safe to give to someone who is pregnant. Make sure the person gets emergency care immediately after naloxone administration.

### **Can I give someone naloxone if I am not sure why they are unresponsive?**

Yes. Naloxone can be given to someone who is unconscious and will not harm them if they are suffering from another type of medical emergency.

### **What will happen if I accidentally expose myself to naloxone?**

Nothing! Naloxone will not harm you if it gets on your skin or in your mouth or nose.

### **How fast does the naloxone nasal spray work?**

Naloxone is effective within one to three minutes after being administered. You can give additional doses every two to three minutes until the person responds or emergency responders arrive.

### **Can I give someone too much naloxone?**

No. You can safely give a dose of naloxone every two to three minutes until the person becomes responsive or until emergency responders take over care.

### **If someone starts to breathe after one dose but is not fully conscious, should I give a second dose?**

Yes. Naloxone should be given every two to three minutes until the person is fully responsive, meaning the person is breathing and has regained consciousness.

### **If someone has a facial defect, can I put nasal naloxone into the person's mouth?**

No. Naloxone does not work when given by mouth. Administer nasal naloxone into the person's nostril regardless of facial defect.

### **Does naloxone encourage drug use? Is it addictive?**

No. Naloxone is not addictive, and it does not lead to more or riskier drug use.

### **When should I replace my naloxone?**

Replace your naloxone if it is expired, has sat in extreme temperatures (less than 39° F or more than 104° F) or the plunger was pushed by mistake.

### **Will the person get agitated or aggressive after I give them naloxone?**

Possibly. However, some people can wake up slowly as well. Using the nasal spray instead of a syringe to administer naloxone is a quick and safe way to prevent injury for both the person receiving and administering naloxone.

