

Signs of an Overdose:

An overdose is an excessive dose of a medication or drug.

Signs include:

- Cold, clammy skin
- Slowed or stopped breathing
- Confusion
- Extreme sleepiness
- Coma
- Convulsions or seizures
- Hysteria or mania
- Blue lips and/or Extremities
- Snoring/Gurgling Sounds

Overdoses kill thousands of Americans every year.

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CHESTER COUNTY
OVERDOSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE



Where to find help:

Information & Referral Line **866-286-3767**

Coatesville

Gaudenzia Coatesville **610-383-9600**
www.gaudenzia.org

Exton

Mirmont Outpatient Center **484-565-1130**
www.mainlinehealth.org/addiction

Kennett Square

Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems
www.chimes.org/holcomb/ **610-388-9225**

Phoenixville

Creative Health Services **610-933-1223**
www.creativehs.org

West Chester

Gaudenzia West Chester **610-429-1414**
www.gaudenzia.org



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In 2017, 5,456* people in Pennsylvania died by drug-related overdose and the numbers are rising.

Are you concerned about someone who is abusing prescription opiates or heroin?



Learn how to respond to an overdose emergency

Deadly drug overdoses have been on the rise, but there is hope.

Lives are being saved because of new legislation allowing use of Naloxone by family, friends and others to help someone who is overdosing.

Learn more about Naloxone and other important information through online training at:

www.getnaloxonenow.org

These 20-minute trainings are

- Free
- Interactive
- Confidential
- Easy-to-access
- Include resources

The New Legislation:

Act 139, which includes the Good Samaritan provision, was passed in November 2014. The law covers individuals seeking to help someone get medical treatment for an overdose. Additionally, the law provides immunity from prosecution for those responding to and reporting overdoses.

Act 139 is used to encourage people to help someone who may experience an overdose. Individuals should learn more about Naloxone at:

www.getnaloxonenow.org

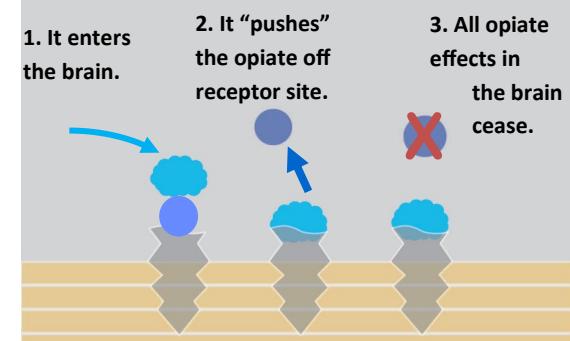
Naloxone:

Naloxone is FDA-approved and has been proven to reverse opioid (prescription or heroin) overdoses.

It is available at most pharmacies without a prescription (talk to your pharmacist).

Naloxone is also known as Narcan or Evzio. It has no adverse side effects and is not addictive.

How Naloxone works:



What are Opiates?

Opiates or opioids (synthetic opiates) are a variety of substances that may:

- Dull senses and relieve pain
- Produce feelings of euphoria
- Cause apathy, drowsiness or an inability to concentrate
- Reduce tension, anxiety and aggression
- Cause constipation, nausea and vomiting

Find a complete list of prescribed and illicit opiates at: www.streetdrugs.org