

WOULD YOU WANT SOMEONE YOU LOVE, TO DIE?

Carry Naloxone

IT SAVES LIVES.

Why is drug overdose a serious issue?

- **17,502 Washington residents died from a drug overdose between 2007 and 2021 → 68% of those deaths involved an opioid**
- **Annual number of opioid drug overdose deaths has almost doubled: 827 deaths (2019) → 1619 deaths (2021)**
- **55 people nationwide die daily from a drug overdose (prescription & illicit opioids)**
(WTN)

Figure 1 Drugs



According to WTN data, drug abuse is fatal since it leads to high mortality both in Washington state and nationwide and assumably worldwide as well.

What is naloxone? Who should carry it?

- **Naloxone: medication that can save lives by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose**
- **People who use drugs, friends and family of people who use drugs, those who interact with people who use drugs (service providers, emergency personnel)**
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Figure 2 Naloxone



How to get naloxone?

- **Medicaid in Washington State covers naloxone (free)**
- **Naloxone can be dispensed at pharmacies without a prescription → over the counter**
- **Some community-based organizations provide naloxone**
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Figure 3 "Naloxone Saves Lives."



Is naloxone helpful?

With naloxone usage, it can help significantly to lower a person's mortality rate. According to CNN, "emergency medical services data from Massachusetts found that when given naloxone, 93.5% of people survived their overdose." (CNN)

Naloxone won't harm someone who doesn't have opioids in their system. So don't hesitate. It can save their life.