

# Maine Info on LD 1686 NALOXONE

In 2014, the Maine State Legislature passed LD 1686,  
"An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose."  
**Here's what the law means to you.**

## If you are at risk for an opiate overdose

You can ask your doctor to prescribe naloxone to you.

You can give your naloxone to an immediate family member\*, who can administer the naloxone to you in case of an opiate overdose.

## If you have a family member\* at risk for an opiate overdose

Ask your family member's\* doctor to prescribe naloxone to you.

The doctor will note this in your family member's medical chart.

You can administer the naloxone to your family member during an opiate overdose.

\* "Immediate family" means a person's spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sister, half-sister, brother, half-brother, stepparent, stepgrandparent, stepchild, stepgrandchild, stepsister, stepbrother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, guardian, former guardian, domestic partner, the half-brother or half-sister of a person's spouse, or the spouse of a person's half-brother or half-sister.

Police officers and firefighters can carry and administer naloxone during an overdose emergency.



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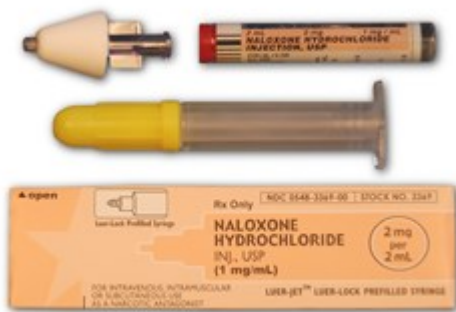
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## What is naloxone?

Naloxone, also known as **Narcan**, is a safe, legal drug used to reverse opiate overdoses. Emergency Medical Services (911) have been using it on patients since the 1970s. Naloxone programs across the US have saved over 10,000 lives.

- It has no side effects.
- It does not interact with other medications.
- If someone is overdosing on something other than opiates or is having a different medical emergency and naloxone is given, it won't have any effect.

Naloxone only works on opiate overdoses. Opiates include prescription painkillers like oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, and fentanyl. Heroin is also an opiate.



Watch a video about how to use naloxone at [www.tinyurl.com/overdosekit](http://www.tinyurl.com/overdosekit)

If you have questions about naloxone during an emergency, call the Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222**

Remember to **call 911** for any medical emergency, including any time naloxone is used.

Naloxone wears off faster than opiates, so a person can overdose a second time. It is very important that they get medical care.



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