

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white pill bottle. The bottle is tilted, and several white, round pills are spilling out onto a wooden surface. The background is blurred, showing more of the hand and the bottle.

# See an overdose?

## Call 911 immediately!

New Jersey law protects people calling for help.

### Signs of an overdose include:

- The person is unconscious and you can't wake them
- Breathing slowly or not at all
- Lips or nails are turning blue

### What to do if someone overdoses:

- Call 911 immediately!
- Say "I think someone may have overdosed. (S)he isn't breathing."
- If the person is not breathing, do rescue breathing (mouth-to-mouth)
- Give Narcan/naloxone (the opioid overdose reversal drug) to the person if you have it
- Lay the person on their side once they resume breathing

### Afraid to call 911? Don't be!

New Jersey's new "Good Samaritan" law provides protections for the victim and those who seek help during an overdose from arrest, charge, and prosecution for obtaining, possessing, using, being under the influence of, or failing to make lawful disposition of drugs; using or possessing drug paraphernalia; revocation of parole and probation based on these charges.

For more information on overdose prevention:  
[www.drugpolicy.org/njodinfo](http://www.drugpolicy.org/njodinfo)

New Jersey's "Good Samaritan" law's protections do not extend to outstanding warrants, drug sales, and other non-drug crimes.

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