

Governor Andrew Cuomo, July 2011 approval message for New York's new 911 Good Samaritan law

For more info on overdose prevention, please contact the NYS Department of Health at 1.800.692.8528.

“The benefit to be gained by the bill – saving lives – must be paramount.”

New York's new “911 Good Samaritan” law protects you even if you shared drugs with others or possess paraphernalia. The protections do not extend to outstanding warrants, probation or parole violations, drug sales, and other non-drug crimes.

See an overdose?



Call 911 immediately!



What should I do if I see an overdose?

- 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 (the opioid overdose reversal drug) to the person if you have it
- Lay the person on their side once they resume breathing

How do I recognize signs of an overdose?

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

Afraid to call 911? Don't be!

New York's new "911 Good Samaritan" law provides protections from charge and prosecution for drug and alcohol possession for the victim and those who seek help during an overdose.