#### Importance of having Narcan/Naloxone and knowing how to use it

- Some people take opioid daily that are prescribed by a doctor and may need an overdose reversal
- Some people may take a substance that they do not know has been laced with fentanyl
- Keeping Narcan/Naloxone on hand can save a life

#### High risk factors for overdose

- Previous overdose
- Prior suicide attempt
- On a high dose of opioid medications
- History of major depressive disorder
- Abstinent for a few days or more
- Mixing opioids with depressants
- Using alone
- Injecting drugs
- Problems with lung functioning



Learn more

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If you would like to be trained on administering Narcan/Naloxone, please contact Missouri Partners in Prevention at pip@missouri.edu







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# Risks of an Overdose & how to

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### Signs of an Opioid Overdose



Pinpoint Pupils



Unresponsive or unconscious



Shallow breathing



Blue/gray lips, hands, fingertips

#### What is Narcan/Naloxone?

- A drug that reverses opioid overdose effects
- It knocks the opioid off the receptor in the brain
- + It is only effective for 30-90 minutes

## When not to use Narcan/Naloxone

- + If they are not overdosing from an opioid or showing opioid overdose symptoms
- Their nose is obstructed, actively bleeding, or has a structural defect
- + If the person has no pulse (administer chest compressions)

If you suspect overdose and use Narcan, there are no adverse/negative side effects of using it on someone who is not overdosing.

#### How to use Narcan/Naloxone

#### 3 P's: PEEL, PLACE, PRESS

**PEEL** back the package to remove the device.

**PLACE** the tip of the nozzle in either nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the person's nose.

**PRESS** the plunger firmly to release the dose in the person's nose.









#### What's Next

#### **Call 911**

- Narcan/Naloxone only lasts 30-90 minutes, after that the person could go back into overdose
- You are protected by the Good Samaritan Law. You are protected from arrests and prosecutions for possession of drugs or paraphernalia, and for violating probation, parole, or a restraining order.

#### Start rescue breaths

- Opioid overdose = lack of oxygen to the brain. Even a little bit through rescue breathing can keep someone alive!
- Head-tilt/Chin-lift Maneuver often lifts the tongue out of the way
- Rescue breathing: Tilt head back, pinch nose, and give 1 breath every 5-6 seconds

#### Put the person in the recovery position

- Put them on their side, their hand supporting their head, one knee over the other to stop them from rolling onto their stomach and try to put a pillow/ backpack/etc. behind them so they don't roll over onto their back
- This prevents a person from chocking if they vomit