

THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Protecting the People Who Help From Arrest

The Good Samaritan Law, also known as Steve's Law, protects people who help during an overdose. Whether you give rescue breaths, naloxone, or any kind of support, you may not face legal trouble.

This law makes it safer to do the right thing. Instead of hesitating out of fear, you can step in and save a life — it's legal.

Top Five Things to Know About the Good Samaritan Law

1. You're Protected if You Call 911 or Administer Naloxone

If you call 911 or give naloxone (NARCAN®) to someone who is overdosing, the law offers protection. Even if something goes wrong, you won't be held responsible. You can also avoid arrest for having, sharing, or using substances while helping.

2. The Person Overdosing Is Also Protected

The law shields the person overdosing from arrest or charges related to having or using substances.

3. You Must Act in Good Faith

To be protected, your actions must:

1. Be aimed at helping the person in need.
2. Include staying at the scene until legal or medical help arrives.
3. Involve working with legal and medical responders.

4. Bystanders and Other Crimes May Not Be Protected

People who aren't actively helping during an emergency aren't covered by the law. Also, if you have other crimes on your record, like trespassing, you could still be arrested.

5. Always Carry Naloxone and Be Ready To Help

Carrying naloxone and knowing what an overdose looks like can save lives. Being prepared can make all the difference in an emergency.

Why is it called Steve's Law?

The Good Samaritan Law, also known as "Steve's Law," is named after Steve Rummier, who passed away from an overdose in 2011.



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