

# SUBSTANCE USE LAWS IN MINNESOTA OVER TIME.

Here's what you need to know.

## 2014: Steve's Law

The Good Samaritan Law protects people who call 911 or use naloxone to help someone overdosing.

## 2017: Opioid Prescriptions Peak

Minnesota hits a record high of over 3.1 million opioid prescriptions.

## 2019: Opiate Epidemic Response Council

This law funds efforts to prevent overdose deaths and fight the opioid crisis.

- Created the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council to oversee statewide initiatives funded by the state's share of opioid settlement dollars.
- Supports prevention, education, and treatment training projects.
- Manages payments from the statewide opioid settlement agreement.
- Focuses on reducing overdoses and supporting Minnesota communities.

## 2021: Statewide Opioid Settlement

Minnesota joined a \$26 billion settlement, receiving \$300 million over 18 years to fight the opioid crisis.

## 2023: Drug Paraphernalia Legalized

The possession of drug paraphernalia is no longer a crime, even if it contains trace amounts of controlled substances.

## 2023: Syringe Services Programs

These programs offer sterile needles, safe disposal, overdose education, and other resources.

## 2023: Pharmacies and Syringes

Pharmacies can now sell syringes and accept used ones for safe disposal.



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