

# UNDERSTAND MINNESOTA'S SUBSTANCE USE LAWS.

## Here's what you need to know.

### The Good Samaritan Law

Protection is available for people helping someone during an overdose or other emergencies.

- Call 911 or give naloxone during an overdose without fear of legal consequences.
- Help without worrying about penalties for honest mistakes.
- Cooperate with police and medical workers when they arrive.
- Encourage immediate action to save lives by reducing hesitation.

### Drug Paraphernalia

It's no longer illegal in Minnesota to possess items like syringes or pipes, even if they have trace amounts of controlled substances.

- Tools for testing substances are now legal in Minnesota.
- Promotes harm reduction and encourages safe practices.
- Makes life-saving tools like naloxone more accessible.

### Syringe Services Programs (SSPs)

These programs provide sterile syringes and prevent the transmission of HIV and Hepatitis C.

- Provide and exchange sterile syringes to lower the risk of overdose and reduce the transmission of disease.
- Offer connections to additional care and resources.
- Encourage safe substance use practices.

### Pharmacies and Syringes

Pharmacies can sell syringes without a prescription, making them easier to access.

- There is no limit on the number of syringes sold.
- Promotes harm reduction and reduces stigma.
- Helps people access naloxone to prevent overdoses.

### Opioid Epidemic Response Law

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

- Created the Opiate Epidemic Response Council to oversee statewide initiatives.
- Supports prevention, education, and treatment training projects.
- Manages payments from the statewide opioid settlement agreement.
- Focuses on reducing overdoses and supporting Minnesota communities.



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