



Nearly 150 people die every day from an opioid overdose in the U.S.

What is Steve's Law?

"Steve's Law" is MN's Good Samaritan + Naloxone legislation. It is named after Steve Rummler, who passed from an opioid overdose in 2011.

Steve's Law SAVES LIVES in Minnesota by:



Providing immunity to people calling 911 to seek help for an overdose



Expanding access to the opioid overdose reversal medication, naloxone



Allowing first responders and the public to carry and administer naloxone

Please see the Advocacy page of our website for full details of the law.

Good Samaritans Save Lives

Good Samaritan Laws are put in place to provide protection and encourage bystanders to intervene in crisis situations. The chance of surviving an opioid overdose, like many medical emergencies, depends on how quickly the individual overdosing receives medical assistance. In situations involving substance use, fear of arrest can sometimes prevent people from seeking help. The best way to encourage overdose witnesses to seek medical aid is to provide protections from criminal prosecution.

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is the medication that can immediately reverse an opioid overdose by taking the place of opioids in the brain. It has been used for decades, and is most commonly given as an injection into the muscle or as a nasal spray (NARCAN®). Naloxone is not a controlled substance and can be administered by anyone with minimal training. A study by the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that widespread distribution of naloxone could prevent as many as 43,000 deaths in our lifetimes.

Seeking Help: What should you know?

IMMUNITY:

Both the individual experiencing a drug overdose and the person seeking medical assistance have limited immunity from charges related to use and possession of drugs and paraphernalia. A person's probation or parole should not be impacted by an incident for which the person would be immune.

LIMITATIONS:

Steve's Law provides immunity for possession of up to 3 grams heroin, cocaine or methamphetamine; up to 10 grams other narcotics; or up to 10 kilograms marijuana. Steve's Law only applies to the individual overdosing and the person seeking help, not to other bystanders.

WHEN CALLING 911:

Emphasize that this is a medical emergency. Focus on the individual's symptoms (i.e. unconscious, unresponsive, difficulty breathing).

Naloxone: What should you know?

NALOXONE ACCESS:

Improving the accessibility of naloxone as a public health tool is key to reducing opioid overdose deaths. In Minnesota, doctors and pharmacists can prescribe naloxone to anyone, not just people at risk of an opioid overdose. You can carry naloxone without a prescription. Naloxone is available at most pharmacies, and through organizations like the Steve Rummler HOPE Network or any of our partnered Naloxone Access Points.

TRAINING:

Naloxone training is available through the Steve Rummler HOPE Network's Overdose Prevention Program. Training times and locations are flexible and can be scheduled for groups or individuals. Training is free, though donations are always appreciated. For more details on training options and scheduling, visit:

rummlerhope.org/i-want-naloxone-training/



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