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Signs of Opioid Overdose



Not moving and can't be woken



Slow or not breathing



Blue lips and nails



Choking, gurgling sounds or snoring



Cold or clammy skin



Tiny pupils

Overdose is a medical emergency - CALL 9-1-1 | Tell attendant: Person is not responsive and not breathing.

HealthLink BC: 8-1-1

BC Drug & Poison Information Centre: 1-800-567-8911

SAVE ME Steps

Follow the SAVE ME steps below to respond



STIMULATE



AIRWAY



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MEDICATION



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Wait 5 minutes. Another dose?

Unresponsive? Call 9 1 1

Check and open

1 breath every 5 seconds

Breathing?

1 dose of naloxone

If the person must be left unattended at any time, put them in the recovery position



How to Give Breaths



Tilt head back to open the airway



Pinch nose. Cover mouth with mask or clothing

Breathing can slow down during an overdose but the heart is probably still beating - Give breaths to keep them alive

Give 1 breath every 5 seconds

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NALOXONE SAVE A LIFE

How to Use Naloxone









Flip off the cap to reveal latex seal



Turn vial upside down. Pull plunger to draw up liquid



Inject into muscle

Press plunger all the way down to trigger safety (retraction)



Tap ampoule to send all liquid to the bottom

Push top away from you to snap open the ampoule



Pull plunger to draw up liquid



Inject into muscle

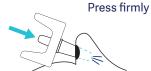
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Peel the package open and hold the device.

Do not press until ready to give naloxone.





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