



Naloxone (Narcan)

Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a non-addictive, life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when administered in time.

Naloxone Training

Information regarding naloxone training is provided by Nashville Prevention Partnership, STARS Nashville and Red Cross.

Nashville Prevention Partnership - <http://nashvilleprevention.org/what-we-do/>

Stars Nashville - [ROPS \(Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists\) - STARS \(starsnashville.org\)](https://www.starsnashville.org/)

American Red Cross - [First Aid for Opioid Overdoses Online Course | Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org/)

Good Samaritan Law

According to the Tennessee Department of Health ([Naloxone Training Information \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/)):

In 2014, Tennessee passed a "Good Samaritan" civil immunity law regarding naloxone. The legislation has four notable parts:

- Grants immunity from civil suit to providers who prescribe naloxone to a patient, family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist giving the medicine naloxone.
- Allows the Department of Health to provide training and instruction on how to use naloxone.
- Requires you to receive basic instruction on how to give naloxone, including taking a quiz and printing the certificate.
- Grants a "Good Samaritan" civil immunity for administering the medicine to someone they reasonably believe is overdosing on an opioid.

Naloxone Access

- Beginning Thursday 5/11/2023, Narcan (a brand of Naloxone) was made available at all Preventive Health Clinics and the Pharmacy run by the Metro Public Health Department. If you or someone you know are at risk of an opioid overdose and cannot obtain naloxone through other means, contact the health department to verify eligibility for access.
- STARS Nashville ROPS can provide naloxone kits to trained individuals who are at risk of opioid overdose and cannot get naloxone through other resources, such as insurance.