

Don't Run – Call 911!

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Since 2002, the rate of drug overdose deaths in the US increased by 79% with a 200% increase in deaths involving opioids – opium-based pain relievers and heroin - since 2000. Drug overdoses now exceed vehicle crashes as the leading cause of accidental death in the US, averaging 120 deaths per day. Georgia's overdose death rate increased 6.7% from 2014-2015. Most overdoses occur in the presence of others while the fear of arrest and prosecution prevents many people from calling 9-1-1. However, Georgia's "9-1-1 Medical Amnesty Law" protects overdosers and callers seeking medical assistance at drug or alcohol overdose scenes - the physician, pharmacist, and person administering naloxone are immune from civil, criminal, and professional liability as long as they act in good faith and in compliance with the applicable standard of care. This training overviews Georgia's Good Samaritan Law; explains how to recognize an overdose situation; and demonstrates the proper technique for administering naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal drug. **When they're still alive, there is hope!**

Before the seminar download and complete the [Brief Opioid Overdose Knowledge \(BOOK\) Questionnaire](#). Upon completion of the training, participants will be able to:

- 1) Summarize and access Georgia's 2015 Good Samaritan law,
- 2) Obtain naloxone administration kits, and
- 3) Administer naloxone.

See additional resources available from [Georgia Overdose Prevention](#).



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