# How to use naloxone (NARCAN® Nasal Spray) for an opioid overdose.

\*\*\*Administering naloxone to someone who is not overdosing does not result in any harmful effects. Therefore, administering for suspected overdose is always safest.

## **USE FOR SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE**

# Signs may include:

- a) Unconsciousness or inability to awaken.
- b) Slow, shallow, or difficulty breathing such as choking sounds or a gurgling/snoring noise from a person who cannot be awakened.
- c) Fingernails or lips turning blue/purple.
- d) Unresponsive to you shouting their name.
- e) Cold or clammy skin.

NOTE: Naloxone does not work for non-opioid overdoses, such as those involving cocaine, benzodiazepines, or alcohol.

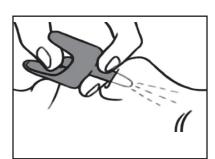
#### IF UNRESPONSIVE

Grind your knuckles into their chest bone for 5-10 seconds. If they are still unresponsive, call 911 immediately and administer naloxone nasal spray.

DO NOT try to make the person vomit. Choking or inhaling vomit into the lungs can cause a fatal injury.

Call 911 immediately because naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes.

## **ADMINISTER NALOXONE**



- ➤ DO NOT TEST SPRAY.
- ➤ Place index and middle finger either side of nozzle, thumb on plunger.
- ➤ Insert into nostril until fingers on either side are against the bottom of nose.
- ➤ Press the plunger firmly with thumb.

\*\*\*If the person doesn't respond within 2 minutes, administer a 2nd dose of naloxone. The goal of naloxone should be to restore adequate breathing, but not necessarily complete alertness.

#### PUT PERSON ON SIDE.

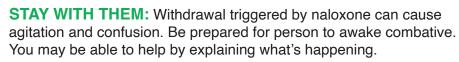


- ➤ Hands supports head
- ➤ Knee prevents rolling onto stomach
- ➤ Continuously check for breathing and pulse

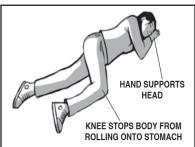


- 1) Head back
- 2) Pinch nose
- 3) Lift chin
- 4) One breath every 5 seconds

**OR** follow 911 dispatch instructions.



When ambulance arrives, tell them naloxone has been administered.





NOTE: All naloxone products have an expiration date. Be sure to check the date and obtain replacements as needed.

