

## Signs of an overdose:

An overdose is an excessive dose of a medication or drug.

Signs include:

- Cold, clammy skin
- Slowed or stopped breathing
  - Confusion
- Extreme sleepiness
  - Coma
- Convulsions or seizures
  - Hysteria or mania
  - Blue lips and or extremities

Overdoses kill thousands of Americans every year.

## Where to find help:

**Information & Referral Line** 866-286-3767

### **Kennett Square**

Holcomb Counseling 610-388-9225  
[www.chimes.org/holcomb/](http://www.chimes.org/holcomb/)

### **West Chester**

Gaudenzia West Chester 610-429-1414  
[www.gaudenzia.org](http://www.gaudenzia.org)

### **Phoenixville**

Creative Health Services 610-933-1223  
[www.creativehs.org](http://www.creativehs.org)

### **Coatesville**

Gaudenzia Coatesville 610-383-9600  
[www.gaudenzia.org](http://www.gaudenzia.org)

### **Exton**

Mirmont Outpatient Center 484-565-1130  
[www.mainlinehealth.org/addiction](http://www.mainlinehealth.org/addiction)



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Government Services Center  
601 Westtown Road, Suite 325  
West Chester, PA 19380-0990  
610-344-6620 ▪ [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org)

In 2015, 2,732 people in Pennsylvania died by drug overdose and the numbers are rising.

**Are you concerned about someone who is abusing prescription opiates or heroin?**



# Learn how to respond to an overdose emergency

**Deadly drug overdoses have been on the rise, but there is hope.**

**Lives are being saved because of new legislation allowing use of Naloxone by family, friends and others to help someone who is overdosing.**

**Learn more about Naloxone and other important information through online training at:**

**[www.getnaloxonenow.org](http://www.getnaloxonenow.org)**

**These 20-minute trainings are**

- Free
- Interactive
- Confidential
- Easy-to-access
- Include resources

## **The New Legislation:**

Act 139, which includes the Good Samaritan provision, was passed in November 2014. The law covers individuals seeking to help someone get medical treatment for an overdose. Additionally, the law provides immunity from prosecution for those responding to and reporting overdoses.

Act 139 is used to encourage people to help someone who may experience an overdose. Individuals should learn more about Naloxone at:

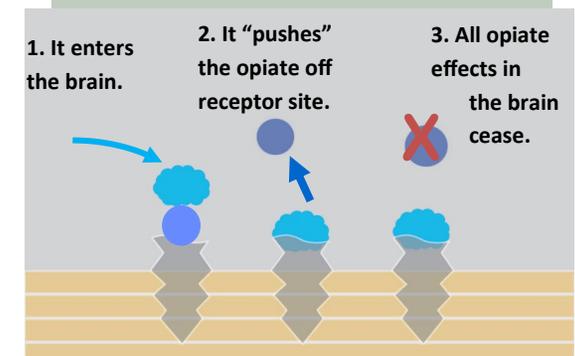
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## **Naloxone:**

**Naloxone** is FDA-approved and has been proven to reverse opioid (prescription or heroin) overdoses. It is available at most pharmacies without a prescription (talk to your pharmacist).

**Naloxone** is also known as Narcan or Evzio. It has no adverse side effects and is not addictive.

## **How Naloxone works:**



## **What are Opiates?**

- Opiates or opioids (synthetic opiates) are a variety of substances that may:
- Dull senses and relieve pain
  - Reduce tension, anxiety and aggression
  - Produce feelings of euphoria
  - Cause constipation, nausea and vomiting
  - Cause apathy, drowsiness or an inability to concentrate

Find a complete list of prescribed and illicit opiates at: **[www.streetdrugs.org](http://www.streetdrugs.org)**