

Friends Don't Let Friends Die

Call 911 for an Overdose

Massachusetts Law: You can't be prosecuted for drug use or possession if you get help for someone with an overdose.

But you *might* be prosecuted if you let your friend die.

Don't abandon them!!

If a friend is sick, unconscious, confused or stumbling from drugs, alcohol or otherwise:

Step 1 Call 911 Say:

"My friend has trouble breathing." or

"A friend is unconscious & won't wake up."

Answer questions and follow instructions.

Step 2: If instructed, give Narcan

Step 3: Ensure the friend can breathe

Perform rescue breathing if stopped.

Step 4: Stay with them and answer paramedics's questions. Save a sample of what your friend took.

If in a group, stay together & offer to assist the medics to get the Law's protection.

Save Your Friend's Life.

OVERDOSE SYMPTOMS:

Stumbling, confusion or vomiting
Breathing slow & shallow or stopped
Choking/snoring noise “death rattle”
Face pale & clammy
Blue/grayish lips, skin or fingernails
No response to Shake, Pinch, Noise

To Prevent More Harm, DO NOT:

Give your friend cold shower or bath
Pick them up to walk them around
Violently hit, drop or hurt them
Give any substance except Narcan

Drug overdose is the #1 cause of death for young people. A leading factor is people who allow friends to die because they are afraid to get help. Many worry about being arrested. But Massachusetts law protects you if you call for help for a drug-intoxicated friend.

Their family will be grateful if you have courage to call 911 to save a friend.

Whatever you do, CALL 911

Don't take a chance with life.

More at www.duxburypolice.org/faqs

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