



GOOD SAM: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Get help FAST if someone is overdosing!

CALL 911

The 911 Good Samaritan Law (called “Good Sam”) **PROTECTS YOU** from drug possession charges and probation/pretrial release/parole violations if you call 911 or seek medical help *for yourself or someone else* who is overdosing.

Good Sam CAN:

- ✓ Protect you from being charged with possession of drugs, or violation of probation, pretrial release, and parole if you are trying to get medical help for *yourself or someone else* who is overdosing
- ✓ Protect you from being charged with possession of drugs if you carry and administer naloxone (Narcan®)

Good Sam CANNOT:

- ✗ Protect you from being charged with drug trafficking, distribution, or possession with intent to distribute
- ✗ Protect you from arrest for outstanding warrants

If you give emergency care, like CPR or rescue breathing, to someone who is overdosing, you are protected by another law (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 112, Section 12V).