

Legal Authority: 911 Good Samaritan Law | Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94C Section 34A,
as amended by Chapters 69 and 208 of the Acts of 2018

Get help FAST if someone is overdosing!

CALL 911

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



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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