

Public Service Announcement

Naloxone saves lives

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Be vigilant; drug overdoses from opioids are an emerging concern in Nunavut. Opioid drug overdoses have serious impacts on our communities, but they are preventable. By carrying Naloxone, you may be able to save someone's life. Naloxone is a fast-acting medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid drug overdose if it's given right away. Naloxone can either be injected or given as a nasal spray.

Free kits are available at your local health centre.

Unregulated drugs can be unpredictable and may contain dangerous chemicals, like the opioid fentanyl. Unless it comes from your health-care provider, no drug is truly safe, and even small amounts can lead to an overdose or death.

Some of the signs and symptoms of an opioid drug overdose are:

- Difficulty walking.
- Dizziness and confusion, difficulty talking.
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds.
- Lips and nails are pale or blue.
- Very small pupils.
- Cold and clammy skin.
- Breathing slow, or not at all.
- Extreme drowsiness, difficulty staying awake or not moving.

Be prepared. Get a Naloxone kit. Save a life.

More information on drugs, resources, and how to use Naloxone can be found on the Department of Health's [Opioid Drug Overdose Protection page](#).

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