All About Narcan

- Narcan, also known as Naloxone, is a prescription medicine that reverses an overdose by blocking opioids in the brain for 30-90 minutes. Administering Naloxone can be life-saving.²
- Research has found that non-medical individuals can effectively administer Narcan.³ There are two forms of Narcan, a nasal spray and an injectable form.³
- There is no potential for abuse of Naloxone, and if it is administered to someone who is not actually having an opioid overdose, it has no effect on them.⁴
- At over 2,000 pharmacies across NY, you do not need a prescription to obtain Naloxone. Ask your pharmacist for more information about access and trainings.

NY’s Good Samaritan Law protects both the person who calls 911 and the person who overdoses from prosecution in many cases.¹ Click here for more info.

If you know how, perform mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing. Once the person starts breathing, lay them on their side.¹

If Narcan is available, administer it. It is legal in NY for any non-medical person to administer it to prevent a fatal overdose.¹