

# About Naloxone

## What you need to know

### What is naloxone?

Naloxone (Narcan) is a medicine that can reverse (stop) the deadly effects of an opioid overdose. It can save the lives of many different types of people.



A grandmother taking multiple medicines that could cause her to stop breathing.

### Who needs naloxone?

It isn't just people with substance use disorders that benefit from naloxone. It can also save the lives of many other people.



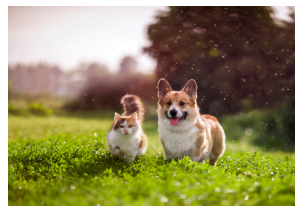
A grandfather with dementia who accidentally took a triple dose of medicine.



A mom recovering from surgery who is trying to find pain relief and mistakenly overdoses.



A child who took an opioid drug because they thought it was candy.



A family pet who got into a bottle of opioids.



A teen who read about drugs on social media and decided to try them.

### How does naloxone help?

When you have naloxone on hand, it can help protect you and your loved ones.

In 2021, there were over 100,000 overdose deaths in the U.S. Tennessee has one of the highest overdose rates in the country.

In the U.S., a person is 20 times more likely to die of a drug overdose than a housefire.

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