

**DID YOU KNOW?**

# **Don't run... Call 911.**

## **THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW**

**THIS LAW SAYS YOU ARE PROTECTED  
FROM LEGAL CONSEQUENCES IF  
YOU WITNESS A DRUG OR  
ALCOHOL OVERDOSE**

*(SOMEONE UNRESPONSIVE AND/OR IN  
NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION)*

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# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC



## BY THE NUMBERS

**More than one million people have died from overdoses in the past two decades.**

**In 2019, 137 people died every day** in the United States from opioid overdose.

Approximately **275 people died a day from an overdose related death in 2021.**

**Over 100,000 people died of overdose deaths in 2020** –  
an increase of 31% compared to the year before.

During the pandemic, **more than 40 states have reported  
increases in opioid-related mortality.**

**Since the first reported case of COVID-19, overdose deaths increased over 20%.**

There were **13,193 narcain deployments in New Jersey in 2020.**

Between **21% and 29% of patients prescribed opioids for  
chronic pain misuse them.**

**4 out of 5 people who use heroin misused a prescription opioid first.**

The rate of **cocaine use has almost tripled in the past five years** and  
psychostimulants have increased almost four times.

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