



# Good Samaritan/ Overdose Treatment

## California Overdose Treatment Act

(AB-635 Drug overdose treatment: liability, Amendment to SECTION 1. Section 1714.22 of the Civil Code)

A person will **not be liable** in civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for possessing, distributing, or administering an overdose reversal medication when:

- A person not licensed to administer the medication is trained, or acts with reasonable care in good faith, and is not being paid.

## Good Samaritan Law

(HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC, DIVISION 10. UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (11000 - 11651); CHAPTER 6. Offenses and Penalties (11350 - 11392); ARTICLE 4. Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions (11364 - 11376.5))

There are laws in place that help protect people from liability or arrest when they act in good faith and with reasonable care to seek medical help or administer an approved opioid overdose reversal medication.

It is not a crime to possess a controlled substance or paraphernalia for personal use, when you, in good faith:

- Seek medical help for another person having a drug-related overdose; OR
- If you or someone else are under the influence at the time of seeking medical assistance for an overdose.
- Do not obstruct medical or law enforcement personnel responding to the overdose.

**If you or a loved  
one needs  
treatment,  
call us anytime,  
24 hours a day,  
7 days a week.**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE HELPLINE**



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