



Overdose Response Procedures (CODE BLUE)

Purpose: The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidelines for staff response when a person is found unconscious or not breathing from a suspected overdose. As we know each case is unique in its own way and we expect you to use your ethical decision making when responding, this is meant to be a guide if an emergency arises.

Forms to be completed:

- Overdose Incident Report (In Overdose Response Binder)
- Narcan Use Form (In Overdose Response Binder)
- Narcan Report Form (In Overdose Response Binder)
- Peer Encounter form (Digital Peer Encounter Form)

Steps for Assessment, Response and Reporting listed by Person

Person #1: This is the initial person and first person on scene who identifies the possible overdose.

- Call out for help immediately
- Gain entry if needed and look for any immediate concerns for safety, example is uncapped syringes.
- Assess the person experiencing possible overdose and try to arouse, stimulate and Sternum rub.
- Administer Narcan, assess response of administered Narcan and repeat if necessary.
- Start CPR and continue if necessary with help from Person #3
- Put person in recovery position if regained consciousness
- Fill out Overdose Response Incident Report (In Overdose Response Binder)
- Fill out Narcan Use Form
- Fill out Narcan Dose Form



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Person #2: This is the 2nd person on scene of suspected overdose or hears the call out for help from person #1.

- Immediately grab Red Overdose Response Bag and bring to scene of overdose
- Call 911 state you have an unconscious individual, we discourage the word overdose due to the stigma related to overdose.
- Stay on the phone with 911 and communicate location and meet responders outside and direct them to the scene of the overdose.
- Fill out Peer Encounter form.

Person #3: This is the 3rd person on scene of suspected overdose

- The most important role is to get everyone else in the area away from the scene and out of the way for first responders to arrive.
- After everyone else is away from the scene, return to the scene of suspected overdose and assist person 1 with CPR and continued care of the person until EMS arrives on scene.
- Refill Red Overdose Response Bag immediately after the individual is in EMS care.

The most important step of all for our individuals is to sit and debrief with each other, offer peer support and process this traumatic event. Please do not get caught up in how everyone else is feeling and dealing with this event and forget yourself and your feelings!