

See an overdose? Call 911 immediately.

Under Canada's *Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act*, if you seek medical help for yourself or for someone else who has overdosed, neither of you will be arrested or charged for possessing or using drugs, nor will anyone else at the scene.

See the other side of this card to know exactly when the Good Samaritan law will and won't prevent against arrests and charges

Police may not always know about this law.

If you need legal help, call

- 1 (800) 668-8258 (toll-free) for Legal Aid Ontario or
- 1 (855) 947-5255 (toll-free) for Law Society Referral Service, also online at <https://lsrs.lso.ca/lsrs/welcome>

The law prevents police from arresting or charging you for

Possessing drugs for your own use

Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for a simple drug possession charge

Disclaimer: *This is legal information – not legal advice.*

If you need legal advice, please consult a lawyer about your situation.

The law does not prevent police from arresting or charging you for

Selling or sharing illegal drugs (trafficking):
Police may suspect this if you have a large amount of drugs, cash or items like scales, baggies, and debt lists

Offences other than drug possession

Violating conditions of your parole, bail, probation or conditional sentence for an offence that is not simple possession

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