

OVERDOSE PREVENTION: NALOXONE

Myth vs. Fact

Myth

HAVING NALOXONE AVAILABLE ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO USE OR TAKE MORE DRUGS

Fact

Naloxone reverses the effects of opioids. Naloxone encourages breathing and opportunities to improve health, find supports, or seek treatment if wanted.



Myth

NALOXONE IS ANOTHER DRUG THAT GETS YOU HIGH

Fact

Naloxone does not produce physiological or psychological reactions. It reverses an overdose.



Myth

ONLY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS CAN ADMINISTER NALOXONE

Fact

Because of standing orders, all naloxone can be administered by anyone who has been trained to carry and administer the drug. All naloxone providers in Maine can provide this education and training.



Myth

YOU NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO OBTAIN NALOXONE

Fact

Due to standing orders, you can get naloxone for free from a syringe services program or community-based organization authorized to provide it! You can also buy it at the pharmacy, or a medical provider can write an Rx.

