

# See an **Overdose?**

## Call **911** and **Save a Life!**

### Signs of a Heroin / Opioid Overdose:

- ⇒ Slow and shallow breathing
- ⇒ Very sleepy, unable to talk, or unconscious
- ⇒ Blue lips or fingertips
- ⇒ Snoring or gurgling sounds

### Are you worried that either you or the person overdosing will be in trouble with the law if you call for help?

- ⇒ Pennsylvania Act 139 called **THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW** permits certain criminal and civil protections for those who reach out to the authorities for help in an overdose emergency
- ⇒ The Good Samaritan law can also provide certain immunities for the person overdosing

### For the Good Samaritan Law to apply, you **MUST**:

- ⇒ **Call 911** or alert the authorities in an overdose emergency
- ⇒ **Cooperate** with authorities, and provide your name and location
- ⇒ **Remain** with the person experiencing an overdose until emergency services personnel arrive

### **IMMUNITY** may be given for the following crimes:

- ⇒ Possession of a small amount of drugs
- ⇒ Possession of drug paraphernalia
- ⇒ Violations of probation or parole

### Additional Information:

- ⇒ **Information on Treatment Services** in Centre County can be found on the Centre County Drug and Alcohol Office website at <http://centrecountypa.gov/drugandalcohol> or by calling 814-355-6744 Mon-Fri from 8:30 to 5:00.
- ⇒ Additional information on the **THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW**- ACT 139 can be found at <http://centrecountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3444>
- ⇒ For **additional information on preventing opiate and prescription drug abuse** visit the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance website at <http://pastop.org/>.

**Be a Good Samaritan and don't run, call 911 for help!**

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