

# NOVA SCOTIA TAKE HOME NALOXONE PROGRAM

The program provides opioid overdose prevention/naloxone administration training and free take home naloxone kits to Nova Scotians. The aim is to prevent opioid overdoses and related death from occurring in Nova Scotian communities.

Naloxone **does not** have any effect when a person has not taken opioids.

This makes it safe to give to a person even if they have no opioids in their system.



## what is naloxone?

Naloxone will start to work in approximately

**1-5** minutes

Even though naloxone only works on opioid overdoses, if you are unsure what a person has taken, still administer naloxone.

Naloxone is used to treat an opioid overdose. It is a temporary antidote that buys time for paramedics to arrive.

It blocks or reverses the effects of opioids, including extreme drowsiness, slowed breathing, or loss of consciousness.

Stays active in the body for about

**30-90** minutes



Naloxone kit provided by registered sites.

## over 4200 kits

have been distributed between September **2017** and **September 2018**, Over

**2000** by community organizations  
Over

**2200** by registered pharmacies

As of **September 2018**, the program has:

**285**

registered pharmacies across Nova Scotia

**17**

registered non-pharmacy Sites

Between September 2017 and **September 2018**, we have had over

**40**

**REPORTED REVERSALS**

\* this is likely significantly under reported due to the voluntary nature of the program.

## ELIGIBILITY

Registered sites will provide **free** opioid overdose prevention/naloxone administration training and THN Program kits to individuals who:

- a) are at risk for opioid overdose**
  - b) are likely to witness and respond to an overdose**
- (such as family/friends and those who work with people at risk of opioid overdose)**

**Important:** Fentanyl has been found in the illegal drug supply in Canada. Anyone who uses illegal drugs, in pill or powder form, should be considered at risk for opioid overdose.

For more information and a map of participating community locations, visit:

**[www.nsnaloxone.com](http://www.nsnaloxone.com)**

Or call our Toll Free number:

**1-833-347-2142**



Scan to go to the Nova Scotia Take Home Naloxone Program Website



