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What is the New York State 911 Good Samaritan Law?
The New York State 911 Good Samaritan Law allows people to call 911 without fear of arrest if they are having a drug or alcohol overdose that requires emergency medical care or if they witness someone overdosing.

See an overdose?



Call 911 immediately!

What if I am under the age of 21 years, will this law protect me?

- Calling 911 can be used in your defense when the charge is less than an A2 felony-as long as you don't have a prior conviction for an A1, A2 or B drug felony sales or attempted sales offense.
- Calling 911 can be a factor in reducing the length of a prison sentence for A1 and A2 felony convictions.
- Yes. Nothing should stop YOU from calling 911 in a life-or-death situation.

What if I am accused of selling drugs?

- The law empowers YOU to save a life, especially if the person:
 - is passed out and cannot be woken up
 - is not breathing, breathing very slowly, or making gurgling sounds
 - lips or nails are turning blue

Why should you care about the 911 Good Samaritan Law?

- Everyone - regardless of age - who seeks medical help for themselves or someone else during a drug or alcohol overdose.
- The person who has overdosed.

Who is protected by the 911 Good Samaritan Law?