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Naloxone in the workplace

State Laws and employer considerations

Access to naloxone in the workplace is a critical step toward reducing overdose numbers, which rose to more than 110,000 last year. In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of having naloxone readily available in various settings, including workplaces, to address opioid overdoses. Despite concerns that business owners may be hesitant to stock naloxone due to potential liability, it is crucial to understand that stocking naloxone does not inherently increase liability. In fact, various factors support the concept that it can enhance safety without exposing business owners to undue legal risk.

Naloxone Availability

Two forms of opioid overdose reversal medication are now available Over the Counter (OTC) without a prescription, due to a recent change in status by the FDA. It is our understanding that more forms of naloxone will soon be approved for OTC. This changes the status of the medication from one that is only available by prescription or standing order to making it similar to any other OTC medication such as Benadryl, Tylenol, or ibuprofen. The change in regulations surrounding naloxone availability reflects a broader effort to increase access to this life-saving medication. This regulatory shift underscores the government's recognition of the importance of making naloxone more accessible to the general public, including businesses, to combat the opioid crisis. Additionally, the change to OTC will likely affect the way states address possession and administration of the drug during an emergency.

Civil liability for administration

Laws are in place in 49 states and the District of Columbia, providing legal protections to individuals who administer naloxone in good faith to someone experiencing an opioid overdose. The types of protection provided in each state differs, so it is important to verify the law in your state before developing your naloxone program. These laws are designed to encourage bystanders to take prompt action when witnessing an overdose, without fear of legal repercussions. They typically shield individuals from civil or criminal liability when rendering assistance in good faith. "Good faith" means that a reasonable person in the same situation would believe the individual is experiencing an overdose and that the use of naloxone is likely to assist in their rescue.

Some states allow for both criminal and civil liability protection for the person who administers naloxone, while others only offer civil liability protection. Additionally, some states only protect the

person who calls for help or administers naloxone, while others will protect the person experiencing the overdose as well. A detailed, state by state analysis of the forms of protection for calling 911 and naloxone administration can be found below.

Every state in the nation also has a broader Good Samaritan statute that is not specific to naloxone, and the common law generally protects individuals who, in good faith and without expecting benefit or compensation, provide emergency medical care to an individual they reasonably believe is in danger. While these laws are not specific to naloxone or overdose, they clearly cover all emergency situations, including overdose. While no case law or scholarly review currently addresses the use of OTC medication when responding to an emergency, it is likely that a Good Samaritan Law would shield an individual who uses OTC naloxone to revive a person they believe is experiencing an overdose which places the person in danger of death.

It makes sense to compare this to a situation where a person is experiencing an allergic reaction, and a bystander administers Benadryl. As long as the person who administers Benadryl genuinely believed that the individual was suffering from an allergic reaction, and that Benadryl would assist in rescuing them, they will be protected from liability for their actions. It is important to remember that a conflicting statute that directly implicates the use of naloxone will override the common law doctrine of Good Samaritan, so reviewing the statutes in each state will be critical when planning your naloxone program.

Public Health Guidance

Prominent public health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the National Safety Council (NSC), actively promote the idea of businesses stocking naloxone. These organizations recognize that having naloxone on hand can save lives in the event of an opioid overdose. Their endorsement of workplace naloxone programs underscores the legitimacy and safety benefits of such initiatives.

Creating a Workplace Naloxone Program

It is important to remember that while naloxone is an essential tool in addressing opioid overdoses, proper training, and education for employees on its use and the recognition of overdose symptoms are equally crucial components of a workplace naloxone program. Ensuring that employees are informed and prepared can help mitigate potential risks and ensure a safer environment. Additionally, having a robust naloxone training and education program reduces liability when its use in the workplace is necessitated.

A comprehensive workplace naloxone program includes training on identifying an overdose, steps to take before, during and after the use of naloxone (including contacting 911), use of personal protective equipment when possible, CPR and life support measures, and internal procedures for follow up with the employees and any member of the public who was present at the scene.

Additionally, if the person who experienced an overdose was an employee, it is critical that systems are in place to support that individual following the event. Consider implementing other recovery-friendly

workplace initiatives which can increase employee retention, workplace health and safety. It is also important to balance the potential liability for a business that does not render emergency assistance.

Criminal liability for drugs on premises

The Good Samaritan statutes in most states protect the person who calls 911 or administers naloxone from criminal penalties for possessing or using illegal drugs as long as they meet specific criteria. More importantly however, the owner or manager of the premises will not be criminally liable as long as they did not knowingly allow the person to use or possess drugs on the premises.

There is no evidence to suggest that an individual experiencing overdose at a workplace, without the workplace actively engaging or allowing the drug behavior, would open the business to any criminal liability for the person's actions.

Building a Naloxone Program at work

Every employer has unique considerations when determining how to create a naloxone program at their workplace(s). State laws vary, and so does the language used in legislative materials. The following information is meant as a guide for employers in every state to ensure they are informed about the current status of the laws in their state, and how best to implement a naloxone program, without incurring increased liability for employers, management and staff.

Generic, consistent language has been used wherever possible to aid in easy reading and comprehension. However, each state uses different language, and pertinent linguistic differences have been retained when deemed necessary to full understanding of the legal nuances across the nation. It is also important to note that the definitions of certain terms used is not included and may call for more indepth attention should your organization be unsure. For example, "health care professional" is often used to describe who may prescribe or dispense opioid antagonists. In some states that will include Nurse Practitioners, in other states it may not. If there is any question about who your organization can get resources from, please ensure you check with your local health department.

ALABAMA

Statute Citation(s)	AL Code § 20-2-280 (2016)
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe IS	Physician, Dentist, Nurse employed by State or
	County Health Department. Note- they may require
	a written communication describing why the
	individual receiving the naloxone has need for it.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	An approved person who received an Opioid
	Antagonist may administer in good faith and with
	reasonable care.

Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	AL Code § 20-2-281 (2016); Protection from
Offenses	misdemeanor controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements
Notes for Businesses	Keep a record of where they received Opioid
	Antagonist.
	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

ALASKA

Statute Citation(s)	Alaska C. Of Civ. Proc. § 09.65.340
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Health Care Provider, Employee or Volunteer of Opioid Overdose Program. Requires the person providing the Opioid Antagonist to provide education and training on overdose and administration.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist to another whom the person believes is experiencing an overdose .
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil Only
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	ALASKA STAT. ANN. § 11.71.311. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements
Notes for Businesses	 Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist. Ensure they have received training in compliance with regulation. Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

ARIZONA

Statute Citation(s)	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §36-2266; Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §36-2267
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Health Professional,
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, community organization that provides services to people at risk of overdose, family, friend or individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist to another who is experiencing an overdose .
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3423. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects both the caller and the person experiencing an overdose).
Notes for Businesses	 Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist. Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

ARKANSAS

Statute Citation(s)	Ark. Code. Ann. § 20-13-1801 et. seq.
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed healthcare provider who is authorized to
	prescribe opioid antagonist. May issue standing
	order in conjunction with training.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist as long as they
	received it pursuant to the rules.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist, and is
	trained in its use pursuant to the rules, to another
	who they reasonably believe is experiencing an
	overdose .
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Ark. Code. Ann. § 20-13-1701 et. Seq.
Offenses	Protection from arrest for being under the influence
	of, or possessing controlled substance if evidence
	was obtained because the individual was seeking

	medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects both the caller and the person experiencing an overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist.

CALIFORNIA

Statute Citation(s)	A Cal. Civ. Code § 1714.22
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed healthcare provider who is authorized to
	prescribe opioid antagonist. May issue standing
	order in conjunction with training.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist as long as they
	received it pursuant to the rules.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist, and is
	trained in its use pursuant to the rules, to another
	who they reasonably believe is experiencing an
	overdose .
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 11376.5 Protection from
Offenses	arrest for being under the influence of, or
	possessing controlled substance if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects both the caller and the
	person experiencing an overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received
	Opioid Antagonist.
	 Ensure they have received training for any
	employee who may use naloxone in an
	emergency in compliance with regulation.

 This only applies to the counties of
Alameda, Fresno, Humboldt, Los Angeles,
Mendocino, San Francisco and Santa Cruz.

COLORADO

Statute Citation(s)	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-30-110; 13-21108.7
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist, employee of harm
	reduction organization.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist in
	good faith to an individual they believe is
	experiencing an opiate overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-1-711. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist.

CONNECTICUT

Statute Citation(s)	CT Gen Stat § 17a-714a (2014)
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber who is permitted by law to prescribe
	an opioid antagonist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	No restriction on who may possess
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist in good faith to an individual they believe is experiencing an opiate overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	CT Gen Stat § 21a-267. Protection from controlled
Offenses	substances offense if evidence was obtained

	because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Currently there is no standing order or law addressing possession of naloxone in Connecticut. Businesses should ensure they document where they receive naloxone until OTC rules are ironed out.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Statute Citation(s)	D.C. Code § 7-404; § 7-403(f)
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional, pharmacist, or employee
	or volunteer of a community based organization.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of an overdose, family member,
	friend, or another person in a position to help.
	Must receive training.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person who administers Opioid Antagonist in
	good faith to an individual they believe is
	experiencing an opiate overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	§ 7-403(f) . Protection from controlled substances
Offenses	offense if evidence was obtained because the
	individual was seeking medical assistance for
	another - subject to requirements. Protects the
	person who calls and the person experiencing the
	overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.

DELAWARE

Statute Citation(s)	<u>83 Del. Laws, c. 531, § 1</u> ;
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist.

Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	An individual who has completed an approved
	training program.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A lay individual who has completed an approved
	training and administers an opioid antagonist.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Del. Code Ann. Tit. 16, § 4769. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	 Ensure they have received training by an
	approved trainer for any employee who
	may use naloxone in an emergency.

FLORIDA

Statute Citation(s)	Fla. Stat. § 381.887
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	An authorized health care provider may prescribe, a
	pharmacist may dispense.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A patient (the person at risk of an overdose), family
	member, friend, or person in a position to have
	contact with a person at risk of an overdose.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A patient or caregiver is authorized to possess and
	administer an emergency opioid antagonist in good
	faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil only
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Fla. Stat. § 893.21. Protection from controlled
Offenses	substances offense if evidence was obtained
	because the individual was seeking medical
	assistance for another - subject to requirements.
	Protects the person who calls and the person
	experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

GEORGIA

Statute Citation(s)	Ga. Code Ann. § 26-4-116.2
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Any practitioner and acting in good faith can prescribe. Any pharmacist acting in good faith may dispense.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of an overdose, family member, friend, or person in a position to help.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a person they believe to be experiencing an overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-13-5. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Businesses should ensure they document where they receive naloxone until OTC rules are ironed out.

HAWAII

Statute Citation(s)	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 329E.
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional authorized to prescribe
	an opioid antagonist.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of an overdose, a person in a
	position to help, or a harm reduction organization.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a
	person they believe to be experiencing an
	overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Haw. Rev. Stat § 329-43.6. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

IDAHO

Statute Citation(s)	Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1733B.
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional in good faith.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person or entity.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a person they believe to be experiencing an
	overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Idaho Code Ann. § 37-2739C. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider. Ensure they have received training for any employee who may use naloxone in an emergency in compliance with regulation.

ILLINOIS

Statute Citation(s)	745 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann.§ 301/5-23; § 85/19.1
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional in good faith. Must
	provide patient information packet.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A patient, or a person who may be able to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a person they believe to be experiencing an overdose
	if they received the patient information packet.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	720 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 570/414; Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Only protected if the amount of
	substance found is within the personal use
	limitations. Protects the person who calls and the
	person experiencing the overdose.

Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Ensure each dose of naloxone is accompanied by the patient information packet required by state. Ensure they have received training for any employee who may use naloxone in an emergency in compliance with regulation-Suggest reaching out to a local Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution program to get the supply as well as training.

INDIANA

Statute Citation(s)	Ind. Code Ann. § 16-42-27-2
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber who includes education and training.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of experiencing an overdose or a
	family, friend or any other person or entity in a
	position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person described above may administer to an
	individual who is suffering an overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	The same statute above provides protection from
Offenses	criminal arrest or prosecution as a result of
	evidence found during a medical emergency.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

IOWA

Statute Citation(s)	<u>lowa Code § 135.190.</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Licensed health care provider.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of experiencing an overdose or a
	person in a position to assist.

Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person described above may administer to an
	individual who they reasonably and in good faith
	believe is suffering an overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	lowa Code § 124.418. One time protection from the
Offenses	presentation of evidence found as a result of the
	person calling for help. Protection applies both to
	the person who called for help, and the person
	experiencing the overdose. Restrictions apply.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

KANSAS

Statute Citation(s)	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-16,127
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A pharmacist may dispense under the statewide standing order
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	A person at risk of an overdose, family member, friend, caregiver, or person in a position to help.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A person described above may administer to an individual who they reasonably and in good faith believe is suffering an overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Kansas does not have any good Samaritan overdose
Offenses	response statutes at this time.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Ensure all employees are aware of the risk of penalty and lack of protection for any drug related crimes in the event of an overdose. Ensure they have received training for any employee who may use naloxone in an emergency in compliance with regulation. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

KENTUCKY

Statute Citation(s)	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 217.186
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care provider acting in good faith
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person or entity.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a
	person they believe to be experiencing an overdose
	if they received the medication from a licensed
	health care provider
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 218A.133. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	 Keep a record of where they received
	Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive
	from licensed provider.

LOUISIANA

Statute Citation(s)	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:978.2
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed medical practitioner. Must provide
	training.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a
	person they reasonably believe to be experiencing
	an overdose if they received the medication from a
	legal source
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	La. Stat. Ann. § 14:403.10. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

MASSACHUSETTS

Statute Citation(s)	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 94C, §§ 19B(b); Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. Ch. 12 §12FF.
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed pharmacist.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person acting in good faith may possess and administer.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a person appearing to experience an overdose if they received the medication from a licensed health care provider
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 94C, § 34A. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

MARYLAND

Statute Citation(s)	Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. § 13-3105
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care provider
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person who lawfully obtained naloxone.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person prescribed naloxone when emergency
	services are not readily available.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 1-210. Protection
Offenses	from controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received Opioid
	Antagonist- only purchase or receive from

licensed provider such as community health center.

MAINE

Statuta Citation(s)	Mo Boy Stat Ht 22 & 22E2 Mo Boy Stat Ht 22 &
Statute Citation(s)	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 22, § 2353; Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, §
	<u>13815</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist, or a
	person who received it from one of those sources.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist. As long as they
	received from legal source.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may administer to a
	person appearing to experience an overdose if they
	received the medication from a licensed health care
	provider
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 17-A, § 1111-B. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Subject to long list of exclusions.
	Protects the person who calls and the person
	experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received
	Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive
	from licensed provider.

MICHIGAN

Statute Citation(s)	Mich. Comp. Laws § 333.17744b, c, e; Mich. Comp.
	<u>Laws § 691.1503</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist or community-
	based organization.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any individual who in good faith believes another
	individual is suffering the immediate effects of an
	opioid overdose.

Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Mich. Comp. Laws § 333.7404(3). Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Only protected if the amount of
	substance found is within the personal use
	limitations. Protects the person who calls and the
	person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

MINNESOTA

Statute Citation(s)	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 604A.04 Subd. 2; 3
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care professional
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 604A.05. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	 Keep a record of where they received
	Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive
	from licensed provider.

MISSISSIPPI

Statute Citation(s)	Miss. Code. Ann. § 41-29-319
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A practitioner or pharmacist

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Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, pain management
	clinic, family, friend or individual in a position to
	assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith who was prescribed an opioid antagonist legally.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Miss. Code Ann. § 41-29-149.1. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

MISSOURI

Statute Citation(s)	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 195.206; Mo. Ann. Stat. § 338.205
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Any licensed pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person who administers in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 195.205. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

MONTANA

Statute Citation(s)	Mont. Code Ann. § 50-32-603 et seq.
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Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A medical practitioner – must be dispensed by a
	licensed pharmacy. Those that receive it through a
	pharmacy with instructions may then distribute it
	further.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, harm reduction
	organization, family, friend or individual in a
	position to assist. Must receive training.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person who obtained the opioid antagonist
	through a legal channel or licensed pharmacy.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Mont. Code Ann. § 50-32-609. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their
	workplaces that includes instructions for
	identifying an overdose, calling for help,
	storage of naloxone, administration of
	naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received Opinid Agrangist and Agrangis
	Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.
	Ensure they have received training for any
	employee who may use naloxone in an
	emergency in compliance with regulation.
	Business may provide training to their own
	employees as long as the business received
	the opioid overdose medication from
	approved source.
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NEBRASKA

Statute Citation(s)	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-470
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional who is authorized to
	dispense naloxone.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person prescribed naloxone when emergency
	services are not readily available.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-472. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking

	medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

NEVADA

Statute Citation(s)	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §453C.100
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional who is authorized to
	prescribe an opioid overdose medication.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose or individual in a
	position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith may possess and
	administer.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 453C.150. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statute Citation(s)	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 318-B:15
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 318-B:28-b. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to

	requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

NEW JERSEY

Statute Citation(s)	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 24:6J-4
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person who received the opioid antagonist
	from a health care professional
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person who received the opioid antagonist
	from a health care professional, used it in good
	faith, and received the patient packet.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:35-30. Protection from
Offenses	controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects only the person who called.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Ensure each dose of naloxone is accompanied by the patient information packet required by state. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

NEW MEXICO

Statute Citation(s)	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 24-23-1
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A pharmacist, licensed prescriber, community
	based opioid prevention service.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person may possess or administer
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both

Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-31-27.1. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

NEW YORK

Statute Citation(s)	N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 3309
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person can receive.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person prescribed naloxone in good who
	reasonably believes the other person is
	experiencing an overdose.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	N.Y. Penal Law § 220.78. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

NORTH CAROLINA

Statute Citation(s)	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 90-12.7
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A practitioner, health department, or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person, in good faith who received an opioid
	antagonist legally.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both

Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 90-96.2. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

NORTH DAKOTA

Statute Citation(s)	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 23-01-42; N.D. Admin. Code
	<u>61-04-12-02</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any individual.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any individual in good faith
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 19-03.1-23.4. Protection
Offenses	from controlled substances offense if evidence was
	obtained because the individual was seeking
	medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received Opioid Antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

OHIO

Statute Citation(s)	OHIO REV. CODE SECTION 3715.50; OHIO REV.
	<u>CODE SECTION 3715.503</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A physician, physician assistant, or advanced
	practice registered nurse.

Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person may receive as long as medication is in original package, is in original container, and stored
	properly.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person prescribed naloxone in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2925.11(B)(2). Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received opioid antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider. Ensure they have received training for any employee who may use naloxone in an emergency in compliance with regulation. Pay close attention to requirements for maintaining a supply of opioid antagonist described in 3715.50

OREGON

Statute Citation(s)	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 689.681; 689.682
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Pharmacy, a health care professional or a
	pharmacist with prescription and dispensing
	privileges or any other person designated by the
	State Board of Pharmacy.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil only
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 475.898.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

	 Keep a record of where they received opioid antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider. Ensure they have received training for any employee who may use naloxone in an emergency in compliance with regulation.
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OKLAHOMA

Statute Citation(s)	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 1-2506.2; Okla. Stat. Ann.
	<u>tit. 63, § 2-312.2</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A provider can only prescribe to family member.
	Pharmacist may dispense to anyone.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	A family member in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil only and only for the family member who
	administers in good faith.
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 63, § 2-413.1.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls only.
Notes for Businesses	Be extremely cautious until OTC rules have been
	interpreted in Oklahoma state courts.

PENNSYLVANIA

Statute Citation(s)	35 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 780-113.8
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	35 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 780-113.7.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an

overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

RHODE ISLAND

Statute Citation(s)	216-20-20 R.I. Code R. § 5.3; R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-
	<u>28.9-3</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	Any health care professional
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	21 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 21-28.9-4.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Statute Citation(s)	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-130-30; 40; 50; 70
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose or individual in a
	position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person who received the opioid antagonist
	from legal source.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-53-1930-1970; 44-53-1920
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

	 Keep a record of where they received opioid antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.
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SOUTH DAKOTA

	
Statute Citation(s)	S.D. Codified Laws §§ 34-20a-104 – 08; 34-20A-106;
	<u>34-20A-105.1.</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care professional
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family member or
	close friend, or employer. (See notes on employer
	requirements)
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith who was prescribed
	naloxone legally
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	S.D. Codified Laws § 34-20A-109—113.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	South Dakota offers statutory protection for
	employers explicitly. An employer may obtain
	naloxone and store it and make it available as
	long as they create a protocol, provide training
	(available through the Dept of Health) and post
	instructions prominently.
	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received opioid
	antagonist- only purchase or receive from
	licensed provider.

TENNESSEE

Statute Citation(s)	<u>Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-152</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care practitioner
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.

Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person, in good faith, who legally received the
	opioid antagonist
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil only
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-156.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received opioid antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

TEXAS

Statute Citation(s)	Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 483.101
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A prescriber or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person can possess without a prescription.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Texas does not have a drug overdose Good Samaritan law. However, each criminal drug possession offense in the Texas Criminal Code carves out an exception for those who call for help and the person experiencing an overdose. Can only be used once in an 18 month period.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

UTAH

Statute Citation(s)	<u>Utah Code § 26B-4-509</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care provider who is licensed to prescribe
	an opioid antagonist.

Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend, outreach provider or individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Civil only
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses Notes for Businesses	Utah Code § 58-37-8. Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls only. • Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
Notes for Businesses	 that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Keep a record of where they received opioid antagonist- only purchase or receive from licensed provider.

VIRGINIA

Statute Citation(s)	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3408X.; Y; Va. Code Ann. §
	<u>8.01-225</u>
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person in good faith.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-251.03.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.

VERMONT

Statute Citation(s)	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18, § 4240; Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, §
	2080
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care professional or pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any individual

Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any individual in good faith
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	<u>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18, § 4254</u> .
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls and the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

WASHINGTON

Statute Citation(s)	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 69.41.095
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A health care practitioner and pharmacist
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person pursuant to a prescription, standing
	order.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith who received legally
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 69.50.315.
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

WISCONSIN

Statute Citation(s)	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 448.037; 441.18; 450.11(1i)
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A physician, pharmacist, and advance practice
	nurse
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Any person may possess
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person acting in good faith.
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 961.443.
Offenses	

	Protection from controlled substances offense if evidence was obtained because the individual was seeking medical assistance for another - subject to requirements. Protects the person who calls only.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone.

WEST VIRGINIA

Statute Citation(s)	W. Va. Code § 16-46-1 et seq
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A licensed health care professional or pharmacist or
	pharmacy intern. An organization helping with
	substance use disorder. Must give counseling.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith, who received the opioid
	antagonist legally
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both
Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related	<u>W. Va. Code § 16-47-4; 5</u> .
Offenses	Protection from controlled substances offense if
	evidence was obtained because the individual was
	seeking medical assistance for another - subject to
	requirements. Protects the person who calls and
	the person experiencing the overdose.
Notes for Businesses	Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces
	that includes instructions for identifying an
	overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone,
	administration of naloxone.
	Keep a record of where they received opioid
	antagonist- only purchase or receive from
	licensed provider.

WYOMING

Statute Citation(s)	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-4-901 et seq.
Who May Dispense/ Prescribe	A practitioner or pharmacist. Must provide
	information.
Who May Possess Opioid Antagonist (lay people)	Individual at risk of overdose, family, friend or
	individual in a position to assist.
Administration of Opioid Antagonist	Any person in good faith
Civil and Criminal Liability Immunity	Both

Good Samaritan Protections from Drug Related Offenses	Wyoming does not have an overdose Good Samaritan law.
Notes for Businesses	 Create a naloxone protocol in their workplaces that includes instructions for identifying an overdose, calling for help, storage of naloxone, administration of naloxone. Wyoming uses language that indicates businesses who stock opioid antagonists should create a treatment protocol using the guidelines listed in Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-4-901 et seq.

Conclusion

The storage and use of naloxone at every workplace is important to save lives. Every sector can benefit from having a workplace naloxone program, and ensuring their employees are trained on its use. Additionally, there does not appear to be any increased liability for carrying naloxone or using it on a person experiencing an overdose. For sectors with the highest rates of overdose such as construction, mining and warehousing, it is critical employers and employees are prepared to save the life of their colleagues.

Everyone can play their part in saving lives.

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