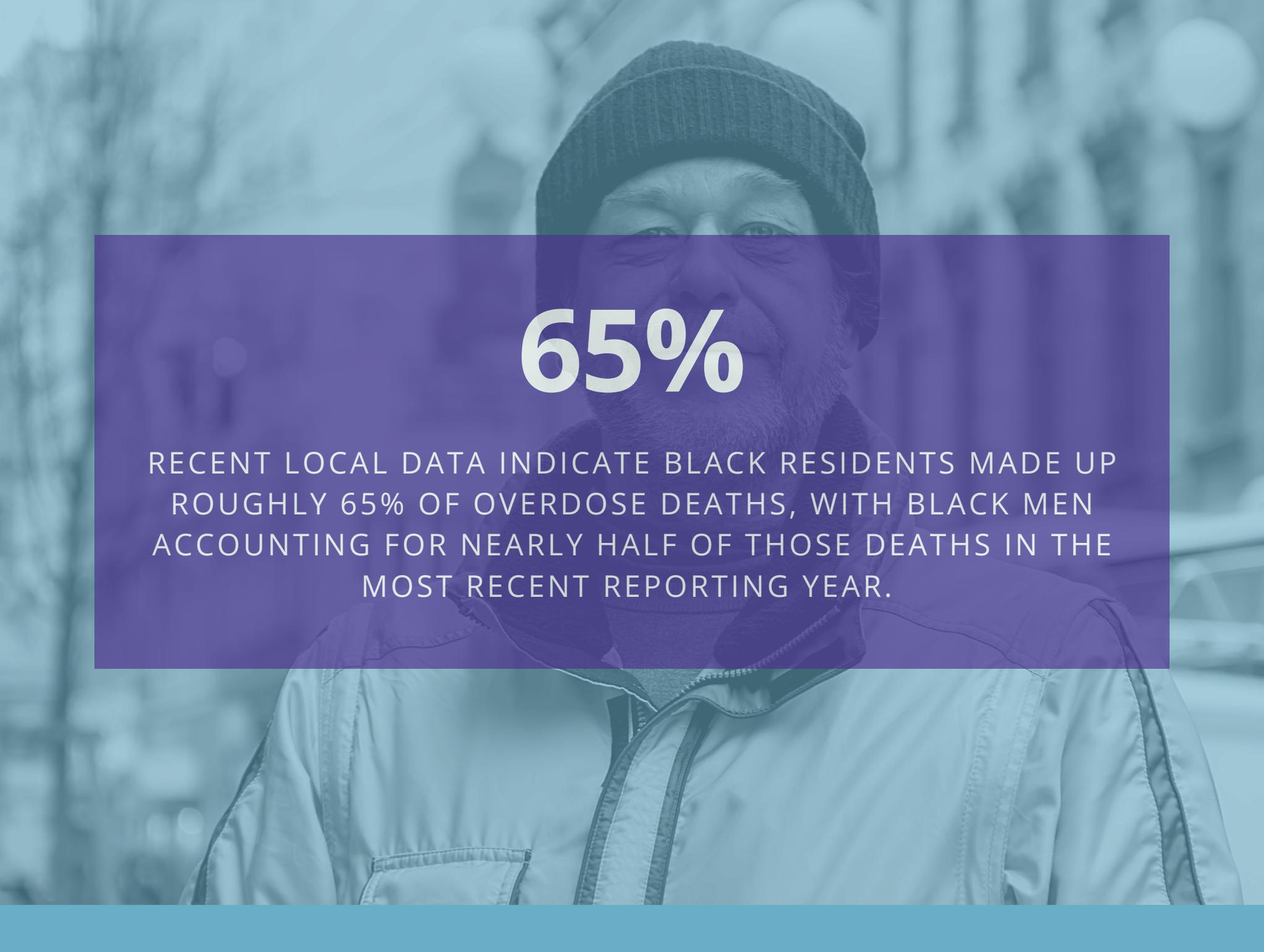


OPIOID OVERDOSE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN BALTIMORE

Opioid Overdose Continues to Impact Baltimore Families

Together, we will turn this around!



65%

RECENT LOCAL DATA INDICATE BLACK RESIDENTS MADE UP ROUGHLY 65% OF OVERDOSE DEATHS, WITH BLACK MEN ACCOUNTING FOR NEARLY HALF OF THOSE DEATHS IN THE MOST RECENT REPORTING YEAR.



This crisis is not equal — and neither must be our response.

IN RECENT YEARS, OVERDOSE DEATHS AMONG BLACK MEN
IN BALTIMORE HAVE EXCEEDED THOSE OF OTHER RACIAL
GROUPS

MIDDLE-AGED AND OLDER BLACK MEN HAVE EXPERIENCED
SHARP INCREASES

STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES, LIMITED ACCESS TO TREATMENT,
AND STIGMA CONTRIBUTE



BALTIMORE'S OVERDOSE CRISIS IS NOT EQUAL — BUT IT IS PREVENTABLE

Through harm reduction, community response, and compassionate grief support, we can save lives and help families heal.



THE OVERDOSE CRISIS IS TAKING TOO MANY BLACK MEN — WE CAN CHANGE THE STORY

By expanding naloxone access, strengthening harm reduction efforts, and supporting grieving families, Baltimore can turn loss into action and hope.

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Harm Reduction Can Saves Lives

Original
Prescription
Strength

Easy to Use

Can Save a Life

NARCAN[®]

Harm

**Reduction
Saves Lives**

Designed to
Rapidly Reverse
the Effects of a
Life-Threatening
Opioid Emergency



Single-Dose Nasal Spray Devices
0.1 oz (0.1 mL) each

For use in
nose only



**HARM REDUCTION:
A PUBLIC HEALTH
APPROACH THAT
REDUCES THE NEGATIVE
CONSEQUENCES OF
DRUG USE WITHOUT
REQUIRING ABSTINENCE.**

Every life is worth saving.

To administer Narcan nasal spray in an overdose situation,
follow the six steps below:

Know the Signs of Overdose

SLOW OR NO
BREATHING

BLUE OR GRAY
LIPS/FINGERTIPS

UNRESPONSIVE OR
UNCONSCIOUS

GURGLING OR
CHOKING SOUNDS

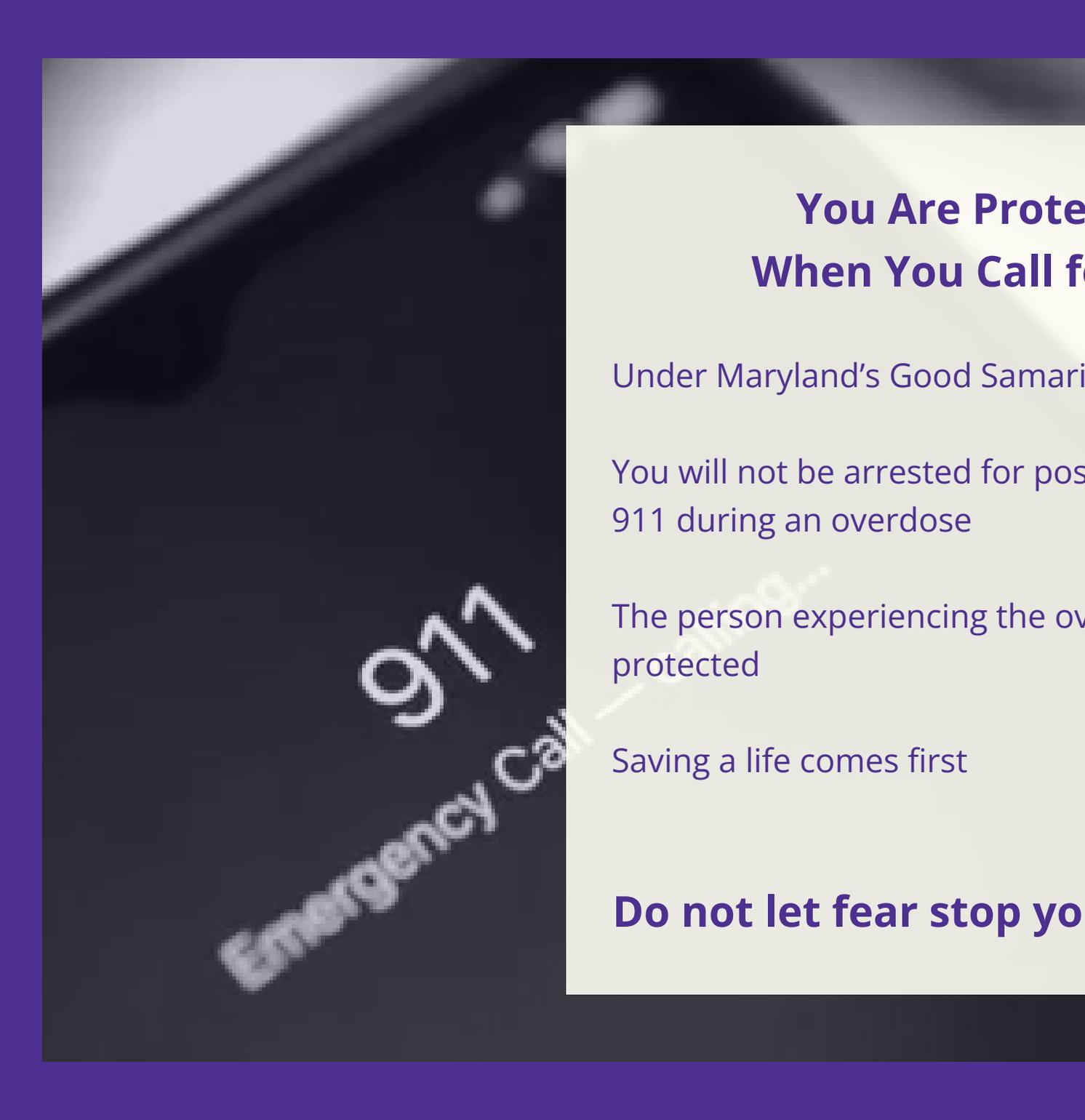
Action Steps

CALL 911

ADMINISTER NALOXONE

STAY UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

SAVE A LIFE



You Are Protected When You Call for Help

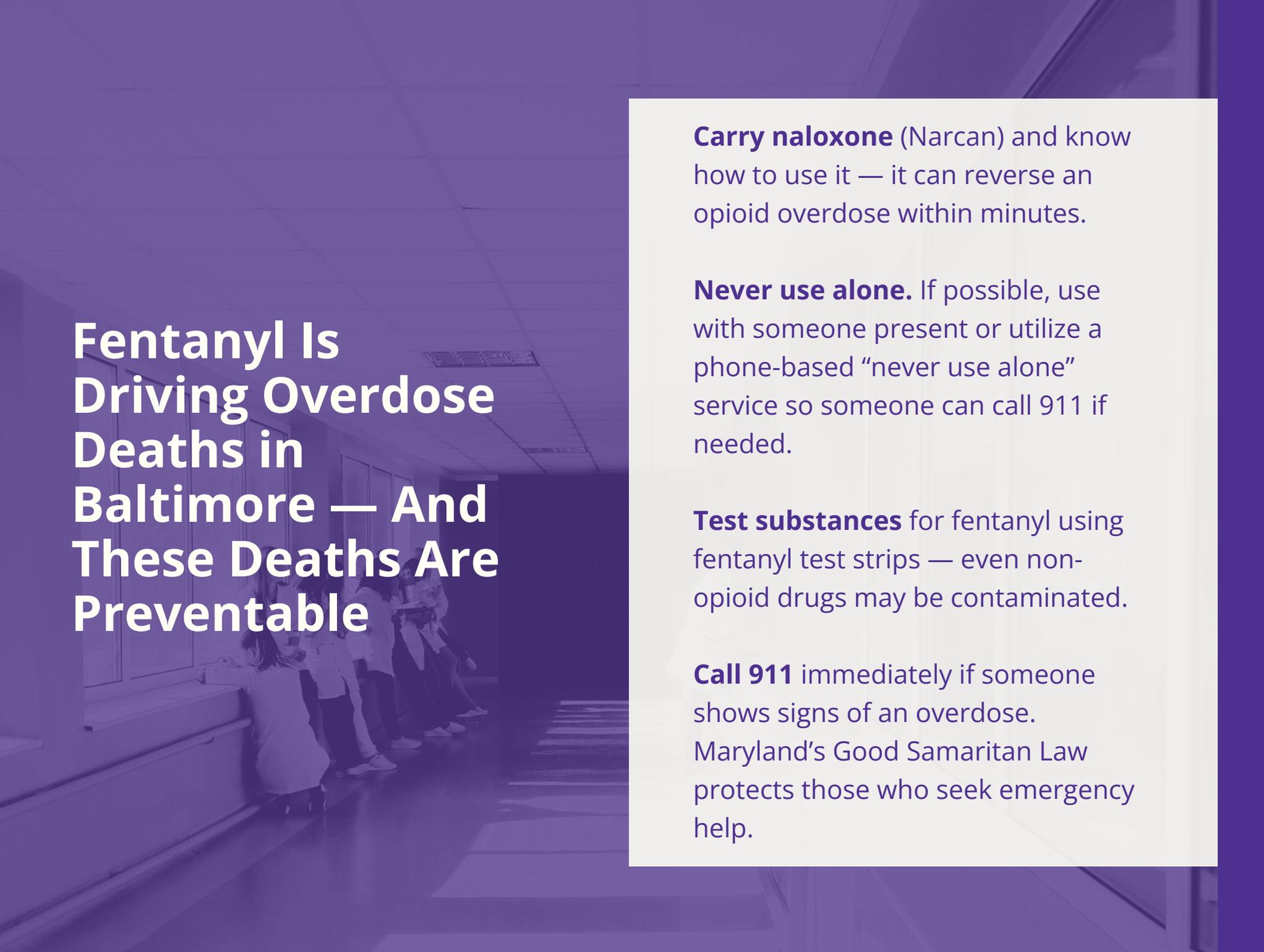
Under Maryland's Good Samaritan Law

You will not be arrested for possession if you call 911 during an overdose

The person experiencing the overdose is also protected

Saving a life comes first

Do not let fear stop you from calling



Fentanyl Is Driving Overdose Deaths in Baltimore — And These Deaths Are Preventable

Carry naloxone (Narcan) and know how to use it — it can reverse an opioid overdose within minutes.

Never use alone. If possible, use with someone present or utilize a phone-based “never use alone” service so someone can call 911 if needed.

Test substances for fentanyl using fentanyl test strips — even non-opioid drugs may be contaminated.

Call 911 immediately if someone shows signs of an overdose. Maryland’s Good Samaritan Law protects those who seek emergency help.

Grief After Overdose

IS COMPLEX

Families may experience stigma
and isolation

Anger, guilt, and unanswered
questions are common

Support makes healing possible



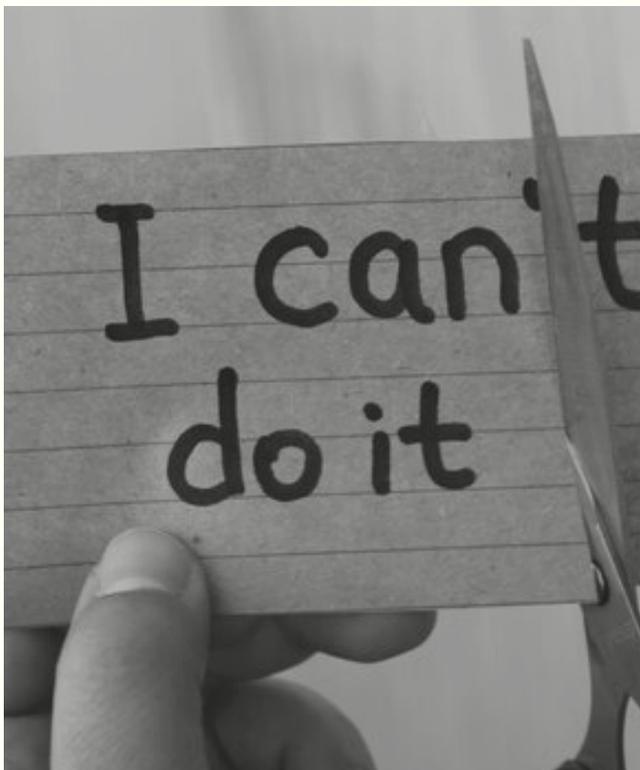


HOPELine

Healing + Outreach + Prevention & Education

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Support groups and peer-led healing circles are designed to help individuals process loss in safe, compassionate spaces.



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We provide:

Naloxone (Narcan) kits

Fentanyl test strips

Safe use kits and
overdose prevention
tools

Training on how to
recognize and respond
to an overdose

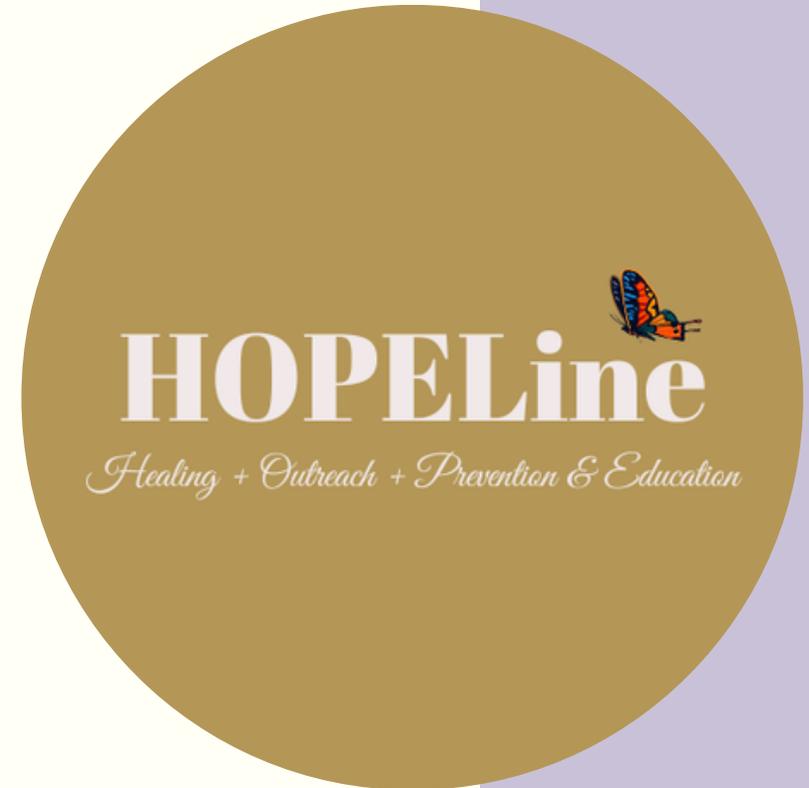
Get Involved & Stay Connected

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Listen: Tune into Real Talk with Roberta's House for a special podcast series on grief and opioid misuse

Attend: Join one of our community trainings or listening sessions

Share: Help us reach more families—download our palm card and share on social media



Hope and Help Are Available

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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**Ask our front desk about grief support
services or harm reduction resources
today.**

