

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a lifesaving medication that reverses the effects of opioids.

A side effect of opioids is the potential to slow and stop breathing, even when used as directed.

These adverse effects are often unexpected and occur in private homes, witnessed by a close friend or family member.

Can NALOXONE wear off before the drug(s) that caused the adverse effects/overdose?

Yes. Naloxone usually wears off in 30 to 90 minutes, giving enough time for help to arrive.

The person can stop breathing again unless more naloxone is given.

**ALWAYS
CALL
000**

NALOXONE is **FREE** under the Australian Government's **Take Home Naloxone Program** from participating pharmacies.

For any queries, please email Health.THNDASSA@sa.gov.au



Keeping naloxone in your home is like having a fire extinguisher in your kitchen, you hope you never need it but it is there just in case.

Did you know...?



Naloxone is a first aid medicine, just like an Epipen. Naloxone is available in a preloaded injectable and a nasal spray device



Naloxone is safe, effective and does not increase drug use or risk taking behaviour



50% of prescription opioid overdoses involve people with chronic pain



Naloxone is included in the triple zero (000) protocol. Any person will be advised by 000 to use naloxone when responding to overdose