

Illinois' 911 Overdose Good Samaritan Law "911 Good Sam"

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It's now the law in Illinois

Fatal drug overdoses are a deadly problem in Illinois.

Illinois is one of 16 states where more people die of drug overdoses than car accidents. Most of the collar counties have had a doubling or tripling of heroin deaths in the last decade. Rural areas in Illinois are also experiencing increasing OD deaths from heroin and opiates.

Friends and family fear arrest and don't call 911 or get medical help, causing unnecessary deaths.

Instead, they flee the scene of the overdose resulting in a fatal overdose. Fast, emergency medical treatment can save lives.

This law saves lives by asking friends and family to call 911 or get medical help.

This new law protects friends and family who seek medical help or call 911 and individuals who need emergency medical attention from prosecution for drug possession. They are protected only if small amounts of drugs are found, such as less than 3 grams of heroin or cocaine. Law enforcement can still prosecute for drug sales or if large amounts of drugs are found.

Don't run. Call 911.

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"On September 20, 2009, I lost my 19 year-old son Billy to a heroin overdose. I would give anything to have just one more day with my son—one more chance to help him. As a police officer who fought the war on drugs for more than 30 years, my purpose was always to save people from losing their life to drugs. The intent of the 911 Overdose Good Samaritan Law is just that—to save lives. I hope that you will spread the word about this important law."

-- Captain John Roberts (Ret.), Chicago Police Department