ONE OPIOID OVERDOSE IS TOO MANY

YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE

Drug overdoses can happen with others around.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE OR WITNESS AN OVERDOSE,

CALL 911

THE GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG OVERDOSE ACT

Essex County police agencies want to reduce the fear of police attending overdose events and to promote PROTECTION OF LIFE.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose act provides some legal protection for people who experience or witness an overdose and call 9-1-1 for help.

The act can protect you from:

- **Charges for possession of a controlled substance (i.e. drugs) under section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act**
- **Breach of conditions regarding simple possession of controlled substances (i.e. drugs).**

The act DOES NOT provide legal protection against more serious offences, such as:

- **outstanding warrants**
- **production and trafficking of controlled substances**
- **all other crimes not outlined within the law**

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