

OPIOIDS AND OVERDOSES: What You Need to Know

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE?

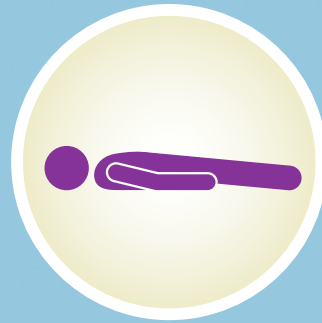
Many people think an overdose always looks like a seizure. They picture someone who is shaking or foaming at the mouth like in the movies. This is often not the case. An overdose can look like:



Breathing is slow or absent



Lips and nails are blue



Person is not moving



Person may be choking



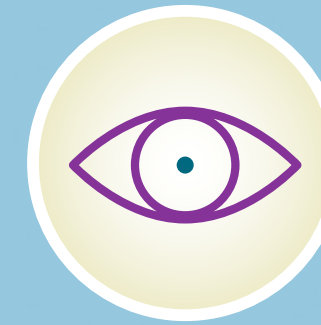
Gurgling sounds or snoring



Person can't be woken up



Skin feels cold and clammy



Pupils are tiny



Loss of coordination (stumbling, tripping, falling down)



Slurred speech or not making sense



Obvious signs of drug use such as pills, needles, and other paraphernalia

