



# New York State's 911 Good Samaritan Law

If someone is experiencing an  
overdose of drugs or alcohol

**Call 911**  
**Save a life!!**

New York State's Good Samaritan Law protects you and the overdose victim from prosecution for underage possession of alcohol and for holding, or sharing without compensation or benefit, *small* amounts of drugs

**IF YOU CALL FOR MEDICAL  
ASSISTANCE (911) IN  
GOOD FAITH!**



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In 2013, 14 Jefferson County residents of opioid overdoses. In 2014, 12 people died with four more toxicology results pending...

these deaths may have been prevented with fast medical help.

*The 911 Good Samaritan immunity law offers no protection to people in possession of 8 ounces or more of narcotics, or to those who sell drugs, including marijuana. Therefore, those individuals are **not** protected from charge and prosecution. However, judges can consider lesser sentences for persons who seek medical attention for overdose victims even if the full immunity provisions do not apply to them.*

