

THE GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG OVERDOSE ACT

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This enactment amends the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to exempt persons seeking emergency medical or law enforcement assistance for themselves or for others at an overdose from being charged for **simple possession** or for **violation of pre-trial release, probation order, conditional sentence, or parole related to simple possession**, if the evidence in support of that offence was obtained or discovered as a result of seeking assistance or remaining at the scene. This applies to any person at the scene upon the arrival of assistance, including the person who overdosed.



Please refer to Bill C-224 for details.



BC Centre for Disease Control

IF YOU SUSPECT AN OVERDOSE, CALL 911

STAY WITH THE PERSON UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

THE LAW DOES PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM CHARGES FOR:

Simple possession (personal use)

Violation of pre-trial release, probation order, conditional sentence, or parole related to simple possession

THE LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM CHARGES FOR:

Selling illegal drugs (trafficking)

Offences other than drug possession

Any outstanding arrest warrants

Violation of pre-trial release, probation order, conditional sentence, or parole for an offence other than simple possession