

TEEN OPIOID ALERT

People with substance use disorder often start by using what they think are less dangerous drugs, including prescriptions.

Opioid medications are often prescribed for pain after a sports injury or surgery. Misuse of these medications can result in overdose or even death. An average of two opioid overdoses occur every day in Anne Arundel County.*

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that can be up to 100 times more potent than morphine. Of the fatal opioid overdoses in Anne Arundel County in 2019, nearly 90% were confirmed to involve fentanyl.**

Heroin is an illegal form of opioid that can cause addiction after just one use. In the 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 5% of high school students reported injecting an illegal drug and more than 4% said they had used heroin.



Symptoms of Heroin Use

- Nausea, vomiting
- Itching, scratching
- Constricted, pinpoint pupils
- Constipation
- Cessation of menstruation
- Weight loss
- Needle marks on arms or legs
- Dry mouth, runny nose, constant sniffing
- Droopy appearance, as if extremities are "heavy"
- Slowed speech

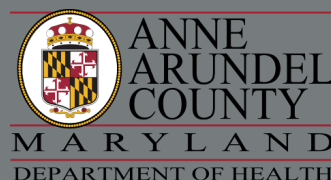


Symptoms of Overdose

- Victim appears sleepy, is difficult to arouse, or is unconscious
- If conscious, victim may be disoriented or delirious
- Slurred speech, movements are sluggish, uncoordinated, and weak
- Breathing is slow, shallow, and/or labored
- Lips or fingernails may be blue
- Vomiting may occur
- Tongue may be discolored, mouth may be dry
- Pulse is weak, blood pressure is low
- Pupils are small and "pinpointed"
- Loss of bladder control

For information about treatment, call the Treatment Referral Line at 410-222-0117

If you think you see someone overdosing, call 911



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