

## 911 OPIOID SAFETY

### Signs to Watch For - Overmedication or Overdose?

Share this with your family caregivers.

#### **Overmedication Warning - Call Healthcare Provider**

**(336) 538-7000**

Ask operator to contact Physician.

U.S. residents also can call the National Poison Hotline at **1-800-222-1222**.

Intoxicated behavior - confusion, slurred speech, stumbling.  
Feeling dizzy or faint.  
Feeling or acting very drowsy or groggy, or nodding off to sleep.  
Unusual snoring, gasping, or snorting during sleep.  
Difficulty waking-up from sleep and becoming alert or staying awake.



**CAUTION:** A person who at first seems to be overmedicated may get much worse. They should be kept awake and watched closely.

#### **Overdose Poisoning - Call Emergency Services**

Dial **911**

Person cannot be aroused or wakened, or is unable to talk if awakened.  
Any trouble with breathing; such as shortness of breath, slow or light breathing, or stopped breathing.  
Gurgling noises coming from mouth or throat.  
Body is limp, seems lifeless. Face is pale, clammy.  
Fingernails or lips turned blue/purple.  
Slow or unusual heartbeat or stopped heartbeat.



**WARNING:** If a child or pet ever swallows an opioid that was not prescribed for them, it is ***always an emergency***. Call for help immediately.