



CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# RECOVERY IS A REALITY

Stories of hope. Stats that matter. Support that saves lives.

**August 2025**

## WHAT'S NEW!

Gear Up For Success: Say No To Opioids

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Have an honorarium, memorial, or just want to share how opioid overdose has touched you?

**North Charleston Police Department** would love to include you as a part of their Overdose Awareness Day celebration!

Please submit your photos, videos, & stories using the QR Code above.

Check out "Upcoming Events" for more details.



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## South Carolina Good Samaritan Law

South Carolina has two Good Samaritan laws that protect people from civil and criminal liability if they come to the aid of an accident victim or they report another individual's suspected drug overdose.

**S.C. Code Ann. §15-1-310 (2005)**  
**Examples: car accidents, falls, Heimlich maneuver**

**SC Code § 44-53-1920 (2019)**  
**Examples: opioid/other overdose**

**Learn more here:**  
<http://naloxonesavessc.org/good-samaritan/>

# **Gear Up For Success Say No To Opioids**

Back to School Tips for Parents:

## ***Listen***

Respect that your child is an expert in their own culture:

- Invite them to teach you about their world.
- Praise positive behavior, and show interest in your teen's life. This will help to make you more approachable when they are running into difficult times and need someone to talk to.

## ***Monitor***

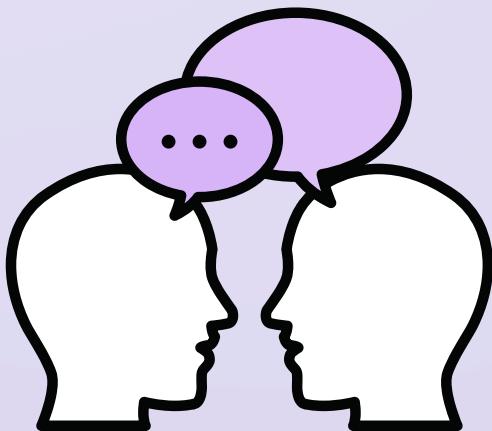
Watch for changes in your teens behavior and attitudes:

- Sudden change in mood or attitude
- Sudden decline in attendance or performance at school
- Sudden resistance to discipline at home or school
- Increased borrowing of money from parents or friends
- Heightened secrecy about actions or possessions

## ***Be Prepared***

- Have general knowledge of what prescriptions are in your home and the homes of loved ones.
- Set "safe words" with your child.  
"Mom vs. Mommy"
- Make sure your child knows they can call you for help without immediate consequence.

"Sure, I can come get you, you're not in trouble tonight, but we will talk tomorrow."



# OVERDOSE DATA

From 2023 to 2024, reported fatal overdoses decreased by approximately 59% and reported non-fatal overdoses decreased by approximately 62%.

In 2025, we are continuing to see a decrease in reported overdoses, both fatal and non-fatal. Over 110 lives were saved with Narcan in the first half of 2025 alone.

Year	Fatal Overdoses	Non-Fatal Overdoses	Narcan Dispensed	Narcan Lives Saved
2023	110	497	395	378
2024	65	311	211	195
2025 (Jan-July)	30	199	140	134



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## NARCAN IN THE FIELD



### CPD Officers who administered Narcan

**May 2025-June 2025:**

Senior Officer O'Leary  
Officer Cherrier  
Officer Ward  
Officer Noble  
Officer Gibson  
Officer Chow

We extend our thanks to all the first responders and civilians who recently administered NARCAN and helped save a life. Your quick action and compassion are deeply appreciated and make our community stronger.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**WAKEUP CAROLINA AND 1TEAM1CAUSE  
RECOVERY BOWL: TACKLING SUBSTANCE USE - AUG 9 @4PM**  
*Buccaneer field, 9200 University BLVD, North Charleston, SC 29406*



**MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WAKEUP CAROLINA  
NARCAN TRAINING - AUG 13 @6PM-7PM**

<https://wakeupcarolina.org/narcan-training-registration-charleston/>



**WAKEUP CAROLINA ANNUAL "LIGHT THE WAY FOR HOPE" OVERDOSE  
AWARENESS DAY EVENT -**

**AUG 26 @7:15pm** Unity Park, E Main St, Moncks Corner, SC

**AUG @28 7pm** Town Hall: 100 Ann Edwards Ln, Mt. Pleasant, SC

<https://wakeupcarolina.org/narcan-training-registration-charleston/>

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## **NORTH CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY EVENT - AUG 27 @5:30-7PM**

*Park Circle Community Center, 4800 Park Circle, North Charleston, SC 29405*



## **OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY (AUG 31)**

*HTTPS://WWW.OVERDOSEDAY.COM/*

## **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH (SEPTEMBER 2025)**

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# RESOURCES

## Treatment services in the tri-county area

Charleston Center **843-958-3300**

Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission **843-871-4790**

Kennedy Center Moncks Corner **843-761-8272**

Lantana Recovery Charleston (**843-738-2290**)

Live Oak Ladson **843-797-4200**

MUSC Charleston **843-792-5200**

Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health (**843-747-5830**)

Recovery Unplugged **855-628-1458**

## Support Groups/Peer Support

NA, AA, SMART Recovery

Al-Anon Family Groups

WakeUp Carolina (Peer Support/**843-972-8154**)

FAVOR Lowcountry (Peer Support/**843-620-9333**)

## Emergency Help

Emergency services (**911**)

211 United Way (**211**)

988 Suicide & Crisis Hotline (**988**)

## Narcan Community Distributors

Charleston PD (front lobby)

Navigation Center

FAVOR Lowcountry

Center for Behavioral Health

The Hope Project

One80 Place

St. James Health & Wellness

Mount Pleasant PD

Mount Pleasant Health Department

Tidewater Health

Hope Center Charleston

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