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# **THE GOOD SAMARITAIN LAW**

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**Witnesses are protected EVEN if they exhibit...**

- 1. Under the influence of drugs**
- 2. In possession of small amounts of drugs**
- 3. In possession of drug paraphernalia**

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**WHEN CALLING 911 SERVICES, SAY:**

**\*\*Give Location\*\***

**"We have a person down. They are not breathing. Suspect an overdose."**

*This will activate the Good Samaritan Law and your protections*

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**Do NOT interfere with first responders**

**Step Back**

*You will be risking your Good Samaritan Law protections otherwise.*



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