

Free Narcan / Naloxone Resources

Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties

For people at risk of overdose and the loved ones, friends, partners, outreach workers, and caregivers who may need to respond.

Emergency reminder

If someone may be overdosing: call 911 immediately, give naloxone/Narcan if you have it, and stay with the person until help arrives. Naloxone can wear off before the opioids do, so emergency medical help is still needed even if the person wakes up.

Signs can include very slow or stopped breathing, blue/gray lips or fingernails, gurgling/snoring sounds, limp body, pale or clammy skin, and not waking up when shouted at or firmly rubbed on the breastbone. Naloxone is safe to use if you are not sure whether opioids are involved.

Fastest ways to get Narcan locally

- **SC Department of Public Health clinics:** Free opioid overdose kits are available at all DPH health clinics. Kits include naloxone nasal spray, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, instructions, and overdose information. Call the Care Line at **1-855-472-3432** to ask where to pick up a kit.
- **County alcohol and drug agencies:** Charleston Center, Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission, and the Ernest E. Kennedy Center are key local substance-use agencies. Ask directly if Narcan or overdose safety kits are available today.
- **WakeUp Carolina trainings:** Free overdose prevention trainings are held in Berkeley and Charleston Counties. Participants receive free overdose prevention kits with two Narcan nasal sprays when they complete training.
- **Public Narcan boxes/stands:** Charleston and Berkeley Counties have placed free naloxone in public box/stand locations. These locations can move, so verify current spots through the county, sheriff/coroner, WakeUp Carolina, or local addiction agency before sending someone far.
- **Mail-order backup:** South Carolina residents may request free naloxone by mail through state/community mail programs. This is useful when travel is a barrier, but it is not instant.

What to ask when calling

Hi, I am calling to ask if you have free Narcan or naloxone overdose kits available today. Can a loved one pick it up for someone at risk? Do you require ID, insurance, proof of address, or an appointment? What hours can someone come, and do you also have fentanyl or xylazine test strips?

Berkeley County

Resource	How to access / location	What to ask / notes
Berkeley County Health Department	109 W. Main St., Moncks Corner, SC 29461 Phone: 843-719-4600 Hours listed by DPH: 8:30 AM-5 PM Care Line: 1-855-472-3432	DPH lists Opioid OD Kits at this clinic. Ask if a free overdose safety kit can be picked up today and whether an appointment is needed.
Goose Creek Health Department	106 Westview Blvd., Goose Creek, SC 29445 Phone listed by DPH: 843-572-3313 Hours listed by DPH: 8:30 AM-5 PM Care Line: 1-855-472-3432	DPH lists Opioid OD Kits at this location. Ask if the kit includes naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and xylazine test strips.
Ernest E. Kennedy Center	306 Airport Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461 Phone: 843-719-3000 County alcohol and drug abuse authority for Berkeley County	Ask for Narcan/naloxone distribution, overdose prevention training, recovery support, and current Berkeley Narcan box locations.
WakeUp Carolina - Berkeley County Narcan Training	Training locations vary. Recent events have been listed with the Kennedy Center and Goose Creek Police Department. Search: WakeUp Carolina Narcan Berkeley	Monthly overdose prevention training. Participants receive a free overdose prevention kit with two Narcan nasal sprays after training.
Berkeley County NaloxBox / public box initiative	Locations have included high-traffic areas, motels, community centers, and rural fire departments. Exact locations should be verified before sending someone.	News reports describe free, 24/7 naloxone boxes placed through the Berkeley County Overdose Fatality Review Board. Ask Kennedy Center, Berkeley County Coroner, or county government for the current list.

Charleston County

Resource	How to access / location	What to ask / notes
Charleston County Health Department	3685 Rivers Ave., Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405 Phone: 843-953-4713 Hours listed by DPH: 8:30 AM-5 PM Care Line: 1-855-472-3432	DPH lists Opioid OD Kits at this clinic. Ask if a free overdose safety kit is available today.
Mt. Pleasant WIC Office / DPH site	1189 Sweetgrass Basket Parkway, Suite 100, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 Phone: 843-856-1210 Hours listed by DPH: 8:30 AM-5 PM Care Line: 1-855-472-3432	DPH lists Opioid OD Kits at this location. Good East Cooper option if available.
Charleston Center / Charleston County DAODAS	3685 Rivers Ave., Suite 301, North Charleston, SC 29405 Main: 843-958-3300 24-hour helpline: 843-722-0100 Office: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-5 PM	Ask for Narcan distribution, overdose prevention education, treatment, detox, MAT, and family/loved-one resources. Helpline is 24 hours.
WakeUp Carolina - Charleston County Narcan Training	Training locations vary. Recent trainings listed with Charleston Center and Mount Pleasant Police Department / Mount Pleasant Town Hall. Search: WakeUp Carolina Narcan Charleston	Monthly overdose prevention training. Participants receive a free overdose prevention kit with two Narcan nasal sprays after training.
Charleston County public Narcan stands	Recent reports listed purple stand/box locations including James Island Town Hall, College of Charleston Police Department, North Charleston sites, Hollywood Town Hall, and Al Cannon Detention Center lobby. Locations can move.	These are intended to be free and publicly accessible. Verify current stand locations through Charleston County Sheriff, Charleston Center, or recent county posts before sending someone far.

Dorchester County

Resource	How to access / location	What to ask / notes
Dorchester County Health Department	1452 Boone Hill Road, Summerville, SC 29483 Phone: 843-832-0041 Hours listed by DPH: 8:30 AM-5 PM Care Line: 1-855-472-3432	DPH lists Opioid OD Kits at this clinic. Dorchester County health messaging says free naloxone is available from the health department and anyone can carry it.
Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission (DADC)	320 Midland Parkway, Suite C, Summerville, SC 29485 Phone: 843-871-4790	Their site says Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and xylazine test strips are available. Ask what hours someone can pick up and whether loved ones can request a kit.
Hospital emergency departments at discharge	Ask any local hospital emergency department or discharge planner.	SC DPH has made free Narcan available to hospital EDs at discharge for patients or caregivers at risk for overdose outside the hospital. This is not a walk-in pantry, but it matters after an overdose or high-risk ED visit.
SC DPH mail-order / pickup backup	Statewide options below. Use when travel is a barrier or when local offices are closed.	Mail-order is not instant. For same-day risk, call DPH Care Line or local agency first.

Statewide and mail-order options

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SC DPH Care Line and clinics	Care Line: 1-855-472-3432 All DPH health clinics	Free opioid overdose kits available at DPH clinics. Ask for closest pickup site and whether appointment is needed.
SC Public Health naloxone by mail	Website: scpublichealth.com/request-a-kit	Free naloxone by mail. Public page says allow 5-7 days for processing. Use when person can safely wait for mail delivery.
NEXT Distro - South Carolina	Website: nextdistro.org/southcarolina	Free naloxone by mail for people who use drugs, people recently released from jail/prison, or friends/family/partners of someone at high risk of overdose.
South Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition	Phone: 864-280-0406 Email: info@southcarolinahrc.org	Statewide harm reduction organization. Ask about Narcan, safer-use education, and local contacts.
Pharmacies - OTC naloxone	Most major pharmacies, including Walgreens/CVS/Walmart pharmacies, may carry OTC naloxone.	This may not be free. Ask pharmacist: "Do you carry over-the-counter Narcan, and do you know of any free community distributors nearby?"

Practical referral notes

- For **same-day need**, start with DPH clinics, Charleston Center, DADC, Kennedy Center, WakeUp Carolina, or public Narcan boxes/stands.
- For someone who is embarrassed or afraid to ask, remind them that loved ones, friends, partners, and caregivers can carry naloxone. The goal is to keep people alive.
- For someone leaving detox, jail, hospital, or treatment, ask the discharge planner or counselor to provide Narcan before discharge.
- If one location is out, ask: "Who else nearby has kits today?" Supplies can run out and refills may take time.

What Narcan does and does not do

- Naloxone/Narcan can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose from substances such as fentanyl, heroin, oxycodone, morphine, and other opioids.
- It will not harm someone if opioids are not the cause, but it may not fix an overdose caused by non-opioid drugs alone.
- It can wear off in 30-90 minutes, and the person can overdose again. Always call 911.
- More than one dose may be needed, especially with fentanyl or very strong opioids.

How to respond to a suspected opioid overdose

- 1. Try to wake them.** Shout their name. Rub your knuckles hard on the center of the chest/breastbone.
- 2. Call 911.** Say the person is not breathing normally or may be overdosing.
- 3. Give Narcan/naloxone.** Spray one dose into one nostril if using nasal spray.
- 4. Support breathing.** Follow 911 instructions. Give rescue breaths if trained and safe to do so.
- 5. Give another dose if needed.** If they do not respond in 2-3 minutes, give another dose.
- 6. Stay with them.** Place them on their side if breathing but not fully awake. Stay until EMS arrives.

Good Samaritan / legal reminder

South Carolina law recognizes overdose prevention and the importance of calling 911 during an opioid overdose. Limited immunity laws are meant to reduce fear of calling for help, but protections can depend on the situation. Do not delay emergency care because of fear. Use your real name when contacting emergency services and cooperate with medical personnel.

Sources checked

SC Department of Public Health - Naloxone Distribution and Opioid Overdose Safety Kits

<https://dph.sc.gov/health-wellness/injury-tobacco-and-substance-use-prevention/substance-use-prevention-resources-0>

SC DPH Public Health Clinics - Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester clinic listings and opioid OD kit services

<https://dph.sc.gov/public/public-health-clinics>

Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission - Narcan, fentanyl strips, xylazine strips available

<https://www.dadc.org/>

Ernest E. Kennedy Center - Berkeley County substance use services

<https://www.daodas.sc.gov/treatment-provider/ernest-e-kennedy-center/>

Charleston Center - Charleston County DAODAS

<https://www.daodas.sc.gov/treatment-provider/charleston-center/>

Charleston Center tri-fold - office hours and 24-hour helpline

<https://cc.charlestoncounty.org/flyers/Charleston-Center-Tri-Fold.pdf>

WakeUp Carolina Narcan training pages and event calendar

<https://wakeupcarolina.org/narcan/>

ABC News 4 / Live 5 reports on Charleston County and Berkeley County Narcan stands/boxes

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/charleston-county-expands-naloxone-access-with-new-stands-in-key-community-locations-wciv-abc-news-4-2025-opioid-crisis-charleston-county-sheriffs-office-medication-town-hall-police-station>

NEXT Distro South Carolina mail-order naloxone

<https://nextdistro.org/southcarolina>

South Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

<https://www.southcarolinahrc.org/using-safely>

CDC and DEA naloxone overview pages

<https://www.cdc.gov/stop-overdose/caring/naloxone.html>

South Carolina Overdose Prevention Act

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c130.php>

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