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## Naloxone OD Prevention Laws Report: July 2012

Unintentional drug overdose, mostly from opioids, has now overtaken motor vehicle crashes and homicide on U.S. mortality tables as a leading cause of preventable death. Administering naloxone hydrochloride ("naloxone") can reverse an opioid overdose and prevent these unintentional deaths. This report summarizes key queries from the LawAtlas Naloxone OD Prevention Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

<p><b>State has a naloxone law</b></p> <p>Eight states have a naloxone administration law.</p>	 <p>States: 8 (CA, CT, IL, MA, NM, NY, RI, WA)</p>
<p><b>Health care professionals immune from criminal prosecution</b></p> <p>Seven states provide immunity for licensed health care professionals from criminal prosecution for prescribing, dispensing, or distributing naloxone to a layperson.</p>	 <p>States: 7 (CA, CT, IL, MA, NM, NY, WA)</p>
<p><b>Health care professional immune from civil liability</b></p> <p>Three states provide immunity for licensed health care professionals from civil liability for prescribing, dispensing, or distributing naloxone to a layperson.</p>	 <p>States: 3 (CA, CT, NM)</p>
<p><b>Layperson immune from criminal prosecution</b></p> <p>Seven states provide immunity for a layperson from criminal prosecution for the administration of naloxone arising from or related to the unauthorized practice of medicine.</p>	 <p>States: 7 (CA, IL, MA, NY, RI, WA)</p>
<p><b>Layperson immune from civil liability</b></p> <p>Two states provide immunity for a layperson from civil liability as a result of the administration of naloxone.</p>	 <p>States: 2 (NM, RI)</p>