

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CENTRE ON SUBSTANCE USE

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**Question:** Why would I use naloxone on a person who used cocaine?

**Answer:**

- It can be difficult to know exactly what is in the substances people use.
- Someone may think they're using cocaine, but it can have other substances in it, like opioids such as fentanyl.
- Naloxone doesn't work on a cocaine (stimulant) overdose. However, it **will** work on an overdose caused by opioids that someone may not know is in the cocaine they're taking.
- Our partners have heard that naloxone was used to revive people who thought they were using cocaine over the past couple of weeks.
- Naloxone is safe to give, even if the overdose isn't caused by opioids (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2023).

**When in doubt, give naloxone.**



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naloxone kit click  
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**Get a Naloxone Kit by calling 811 or going to  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/hcs/naloxonekits/>**

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