# **Accessing No-Cost Naloxone in Pennsylvania**

### **What’s Naloxone?**

Naloxone is a life-saving medication used in the event of a suspected opioid overdose.

### **How Can Individuals & Organizations Get Naloxone in PA?**

**Individuals:** In addition to accessing naloxone at their local pharmacy through the PA Department of Health’s [standing order](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Opioids/First%20Responders%20Naloxone%20Standing%20Order.pdf), community members can request the medication at no cost through [PA’s statewide mail-to-home naloxone program](https://nextdistro.org/pennsylvania).

**Organizations & Agencies:** Launched in 2017, PCCD’s [Naloxone for First Responders Program (NFRP)](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders.aspx) provides and distributes free kits containing two 4mg intranasal doses to organizations and individuals who may encounter someone experiencing an overdose (“first responders”). A wide range of community-based organizations, agencies, and other entities are eligible to receive a supply of naloxone at no cost through [Centralized Coordinating Entities (CCEs)](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders.aspx) across the state, or through [PCCD’s NFRP request form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHRBF7K). Some examples of just a few of the kinds of eligible first responders who can receive kits through the NFRP are below:

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| Users**Community-Based Organizations** | Medical**Healthcare**  | Scales of justice**Criminal Justice & Reentry** | **Man with kid****Human Services** | **Graduation cap****Education** | **Bridge scene****Other Groups** |
| * Harm Reduction
* SSPs
* Recovery Orgs
 | * Emergency Dept.
* EMS/EMT
* Primary Care Settings
* Clinics
 | * Prisons/Jails
* Law Enforcement
* Reentry Coalitions
* Probation/Parole
 | * Behavioral Health Providers
* Shelters (e.g., homeless, DV, etc.)
* Treatment Providers
 | * K-12 schools
* College + university campuses
 | * Parks + recreation
* Restaurants
* Hospitality
* Small business
* Transportation
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### **Additional Training, Technical Assistance, and Resources**

* PCCD’s Naloxone for First Responders Program:

[Naloxone for First Responders (pa.gov)](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders.aspx)

* PCCD’s guidance for those receiving PCCD-purchased naloxone:

[FY 2020-22 NFRP Guidelines for CCEs and Other Groups Receiving Naloxone.pdf (pa.gov)](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/SiteAssets/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders/FY%202020-22%20NFRP%20Guidelines%20for%20CCEs%20and%20Other%20Groups%20Receiving%20Naloxone.pdf)

* PA Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs

[Naloxone](https://www.ddap.pa.gov/overdose/Pages/Naloxone_Reversal.aspx)

* Naloxone Trainings:

<https://www.train.org/pa/admin/course/1085469/>

[Naloxone Nasal Spray Demonstration - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v26cDao4AcI&feature=youtu.be)

* Naloxone FAQs

[NFRP General Public and First Responder FAQs.pdf (pa.gov)](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/advisory_boards/SiteAssets/Pages/Naloxone-for-First-Responders/NFRP%20General%20Public%20and%20First%20Responder%20FAQs.pdf)

* Technical Assistance for Grassroots/Community-based Organizations:

[Prevention Point Pittsburgh (pppgh.org)](https://www.pppgh.org/)

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