

# IDENTIFYING A DRUG OVERDOSE

## THE SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR:

### PROBLEMS WITH VITAL SIGNS

- PULSE RATE
- RESPIRATORY RATE
- BLOOD PRESSURE

## SKIN

**TEMPERATURE:**  
HOT & DRY OR  
COOL & CLAMMY

**COLOR:**  
GREY & ASHEN



FINGER NAILS & LIPS MAY TURN BLUEISH/PURPLEISH

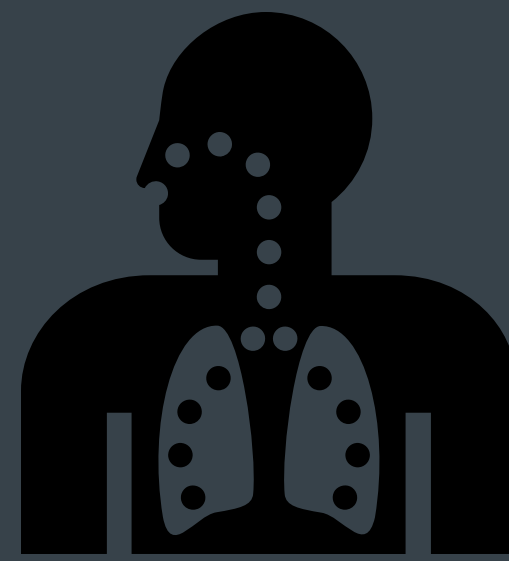
### NOT AWAKE OR ORIENTED



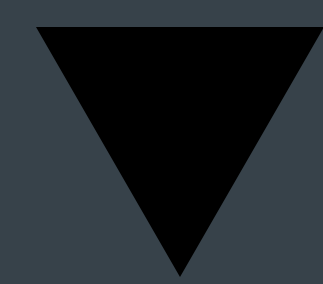
- ★ INTENSE DROWSINESS OR SLEEPINESS
- ★ CONFUSION: UNABLE TO REMEMBER NAME, DATE, OR LOCATION
- ★ LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS OR COMA: UNABLE TO BE WOKEN UP

### ABNORMAL OR LABORED BREATHING

- ▶ RAPID
- || SLOW
- ▶ DEEP
- || ERRATIC
- ▶ SHALLOW OR
- BREATHING HAS STOPPED ALTOGETHER



LISTEN FOR SOUNDS OF CHOKING OR SNORE-LIKE GURGLING



## SEIZURES

### STOMACH OR BOWEL PROBLEMS

- ABDOMINAL PAIN
- NAUSEA/VOMITING
- DIARRHEA

## BLOOD

VISIBLE IN VOMIT OR IN BOWEL MOVEMENTS



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A DRUG OVERDOSE

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY & COLLECT INFORMATION TO GIVE TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. ADMINISTER RESCUE BREATHS. FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE, ADMINISTER NALOXONE (NARCAN). NARCAN IS NOT HARMFUL IF ACCIDENTALLY USED FOR OTHER OVERDOSE TYPES. NARCAN IS ONLY EFFECTIVE FOR 20-90 MINUTES, SO SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION BY DIALING 911

