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Their skin tone can turn grayish or ashen to bluish purple.



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Call 911, give naloxone, and support breathing if the person doesn't respond.

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Call their name and rub the middle of their chest with a closed fist.



## Call 911

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## Give naloxone

Follow the directions for nasal or intramuscular naloxone kits.



## Support breathing

If the person is breathing again but is still sedated, they don't need more naloxone. If the person is not breathing, start CPR as directed by 911.



## Recovery position

If you can't stay to wait for help or if breathing is restored, put the person on their side supported by a bent knee.



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