

Leave Behind strategies help first responders save lives



What should uniformed first responders know about Leave Behind strategies?

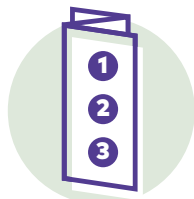
Leave Behind strategies involve providing education and overdose response kits, including naloxone, to individuals who have survived an overdose and to people at the scene, such as friends and family members. By offering education and overdose response kits at the scene, first responders help those most at risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid overdose in the future.

These strategies are particularly critical in Oregon's rural and frontier communities, where emergency medical response times can be lengthy. In these areas, uniformed first responders often serve as the primary, and sometimes only, access point for individuals at risk of overdose to get overdose reversal medications like naloxone.

What's inside a Leave Behind kit?



Naloxone (nasal)
for emergency
overdose reversal



Instructions for
administering
nasal naloxone



Face shield for
protection during
rescue breathing



**Oregon's Good
Samaritan Law**
explanatory card



**List of community
resources** for treatment &
harm reduction services

Who should receive Leave Behind kits?

- Individuals with a history of substance use or a previous overdose event
- Those who use substances alone or have multi-substance use
- Individuals recently released from jail, prison, ER, treatment or detox
- Residents in frontier or rural communities, where emergency services may be delayed
- Bystanders close to individuals who are at higher risk of an overdose: family, friends, housemates, neighbors, etc.

How are agencies protected from liabilities?

Oregon law allow for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services providers to distribute and administer naloxone kits to community members, including:

- Individuals who have experienced or are at risk of an opioid overdose
- Family members of an individual described above
- Any other individual who requests a kit

Where can my agency get kit supplies?

The Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse provides state-funded supplies at no cost to uniformed first responder agencies that commit to implementing Leave Behind strategies.

Apply online at SaveLivesOregon.org/apply

Find instructional guides and other resources at SaveLivesOregon.org/toolkit

"As a first responder, when you distribute Leave Behind kits and educate patients and bystanders on the use of naloxone, **you actively decrease the chances of patient fatalities** following your evaluation and release. While we always want patients to agree to further medical care after an overdose, we must also respect their right to decline care. When that happens, **giving patients the necessary tools and knowledge** can help keep our patients safe."

— UMPQUA VALLEY AMBULANCE