

Recognise & Respond

Signs of an Opioid Overdose

- Blue lips and / or fingernails
- 'On the nod' / slumped posture
- Snoring or gurgling
- Unconscious
- Shallow breathing or not breathing at all
- No response

**RECOGNISE,
RESPOND,
STAY**

Naloxone is a fast acting medication that reverses the effects of opioid overdose

- A person may experience withdrawal symptoms, this will depend on how much naloxone is given and which naloxone device is used
- Side effects are rare
- If no response to naloxone, continue **DRSABCD**

- D** Check for **DANGER**
- R** Check for **RESPONSE**
- S** **SEND** for help
- A** Clear and open **AIRWAY**
- B** Check for **BREATHING**
- N** Give **NALOXONE**
- C** Commence **CPR**
- D** Use **DEFIBRILLATOR** if available

Using Prenoxad™

- Remove Prenoxad™ red strip
- Twist box to break seal and open
- Open needle packet, remove syringe
- Unscrew rubber cap, screw on needle
- Insert needle at 90° angle

* Prenoxad™ can be given in doses marked on the side of the syringe, instructions in box



Using Nyxoid®

- Remove a Nyxoid® device from packaging
- **DO NOT TEST PUMP**
- Put the person on their back
- Clear the nostrils
- Insert Nyxoid® into one nostril
- Press plunger once to spray naloxone into nose
- If second Nyxoid® dose is required spray into other nostril

* Be aware a person may experience greater withdrawal symptoms after second dose



Using an ampoule*

- Tap the ampoule base to remove liquid from top
- Snap the neck of ampoule
- Open a 2, 3 or 5ml barrel and a 23g needle and assemble
- Uncap the needle
- Draw up all of the naloxone from the ampoule
- Insert needle at 90° angle

* Give all of the naloxone



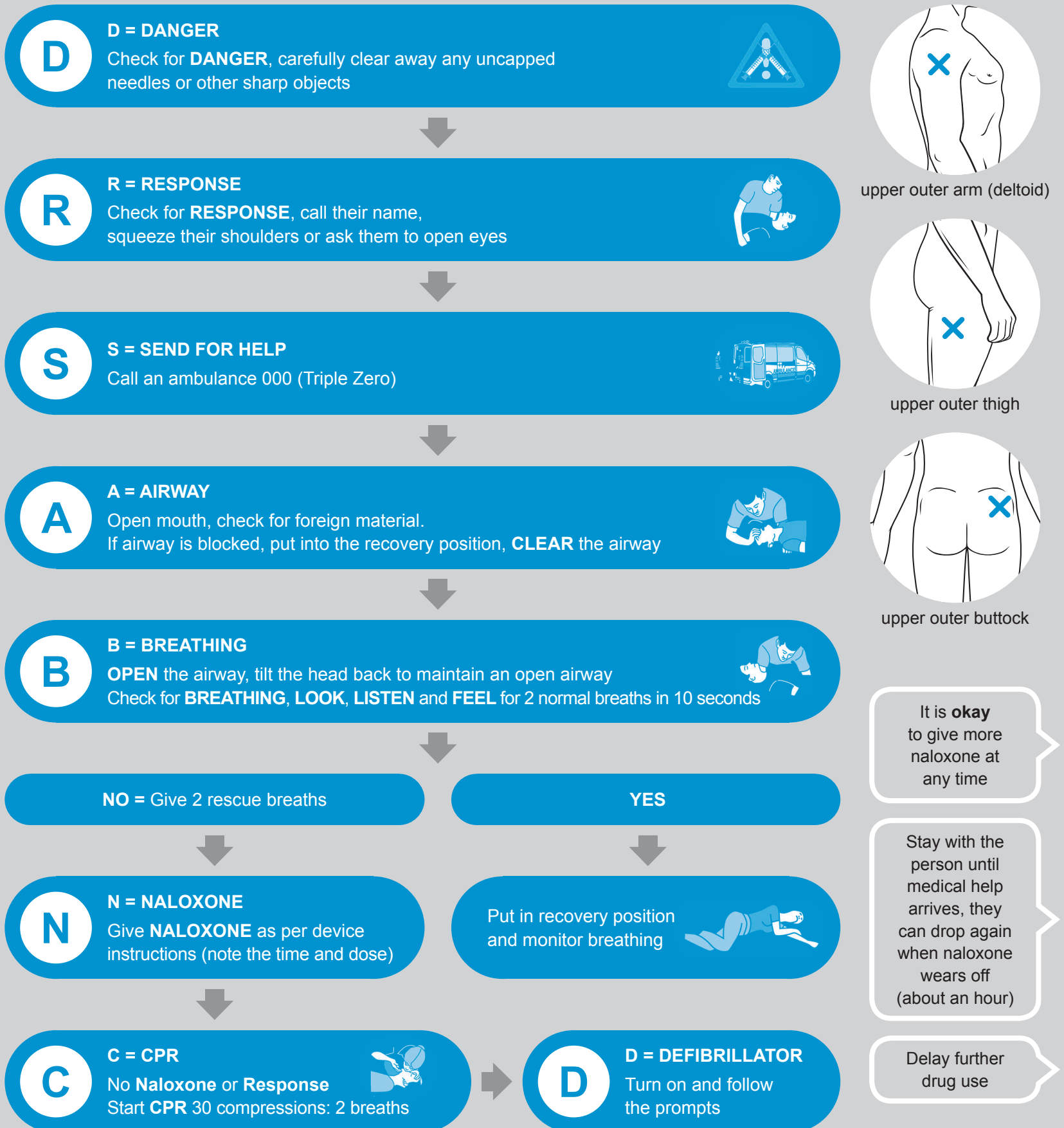
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(TRIPLE ZERO)

REMEMBER

Naloxone is now available over-the-counter or with a prescription

Anyone can learn how to give naloxone. Talk to your GP, pharmacist or alcohol & other drug / health worker. Police will not routinely attend an overdose unless ambulance officers feel unsafe or threatened.

Responding to Opioid Overdose



Call an ambulance 000 (Triple Zero)



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