

3 Reasons Why You Should Equip Your Business with Narcan Kits

1. Overdoses from Opioid Use are Increasing in Wisconsin and Walworth County

According to Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Opioid overdose deaths from 2014-2021 totaled 7,436. Overdose deaths increased each year throughout the period 2018-2021 with 839 deaths in 2018 and 1,425 deaths in 2021. Drug overdose deaths for the state of Wisconsin have been above average every month since November 2019.

For Walworth County, there were 21 overdose deaths in each of the last three years (2019-2021). The rate for overdose deaths from 2017-2021 was 18.0 per 100,000 people which is above the average for Walworth County of 16.3. The rate of emergency room visits resulting from opioid overdoses was 41.7 per 100,000 people for 2017-2021 while the rate for 2021 was 51 per 100,000.

2. Narcan Saves Lives

With overdoses on the rise in many places throughout the state of Wisconsin, it is imperative that businesses and residents are equipped with the tools to help prevent overdose deaths. Narcan nasal spray is a brand of naloxone hydrochloride, a drug that is used to reverse the effects of an overdose from opioids. Narcan is extremely safe to use and is a lifesaving tool. Getting Narcan into the possession of as many businesses and individuals as possible is the most effective way to curb the increase of overdose deaths in communities throughout Walworth County and the state of Wisconsin.

3. Narcan is Readily Available

Narcan can be purchased from several pharmacies across Wisconsin and a prescription is not needed. A free dose can be picked up at the Open Arms Free Clinic during their clinic hours. Narcan can also be obtained by scheduling a free training session through the Walworth County Drug and Alcohol Coalition or through any of the other participating agencies in the Narcan Direct Program.

Contact Information and Business Hours

Walworth County Drug and Alcohol Coalition

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Open Arms Free Clinic

205 E. Commerce Ct., Elkhorn, WI 53121

Medical Phone: (262) 379-1401

Email: info@openarmsfreeclinic.org

Hours:

M 9-4, T & W 9-5, or Th 9-6.

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