



## Mock overdose response Scenario 1

### Setting:

Drop-in centre

Multi-use bathroom

### Two-person response:

One staff acting as the bathroom occupant, and one acting as the staff who is first to arrive at the scene.

### Case scenario:

You work in a drop-in centre and are assigned to bathroom checks today. The main door to the bathroom does not lock. The bathroom is multi-use, with six stalls that lock from the inside. They have safety mechanisms on the outside, accessible with a key for emergency response.

When you arrived for your shift, you ensured the bathroom was stocked with naloxone. You saw someone go into the bathroom 5 minutes ago. You go to check on them.

Follow your workplace bathroom safety check protocol to respond to the situation. What do you do next? Describe the initial steps you will take to check on the person inside the bathroom.

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There is no response from the person inside the bathroom. You approach the stall and see the person's legs lying on the floor.

Describe how you will let the person know that you are coming into the stall and how you will call for help.

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After opening the stall door, you see the person lying on the floor between the toilet and the stall wall. They are not responding to your verbal cues. They are pale and clammy with shallow breathing.

Describe what you will do next:

- How will you handle the other bathroom occupants who are trying to help?
- What steps will you follow to provide first aid to the person?

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The person has regained consciousness and is now waking up. They want to leave immediately and are slightly agitated.

How will you handle the situation at this point? What will you tell them?

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## Debrief checklist

- Feedback from the perspective of the staff responding and the person needing help, as well as any observers.
- Any knowledge or skills to review? Training to refresh?
- Any issues with your current bathroom safety check protocol? Changes needed?
- Any issues with the bathroom itself? Changes required?
- Make an action plan to address needs, issues, and areas of improvement.



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assessment  
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checklist



Safer bathroom  
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