

Seattle Police Department

Directive

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Interim Policy: Use of Nasal Naloxone

The Department is conducting a pilot program for the use of Nasal Naloxone. Nasal Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a nasal spray which may counteract the effects of a heroin or other opioid overdose. It reverses the depressive effect of opioids on the respiratory system with one application. Using the nasal application reduces the chances of an accidental needle stick to the rescuer or others.

This interim policy will apply to the use of Nasal Naloxone until it is rescinded or incorporated into the Seattle Police Manual. The standing orders which appear at the bottom of this document have been approved by Dr. Michael Sayre, Medical Director of Seattle Medic One, and will be incorporated into the Manual on a future date.

1. Officers Must Be Trained

Officers will use Nasal Naloxone in accordance with their training.

Officers from the East, North and West precincts have been selected for training to participate in the pilot program.

2. Stationmasters Issue Nasal Naloxone Kits

3. Officers Must Carry Nasal Naloxone Kits in One of Three Ways

Officers will carry their kits in one of these manners:

- Cargo pants pocket

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- On their duty belt or vest carrier in a pouch or carrier that will secure the device
- Secured in a patrol vehicle or mountain bike bag

At the end of shift, officers will secure their kits.

4. Officers May Use Nasal Naloxone At a Scene Where, Based on Their Training and Experience, They Reasonably Believe That a Subject is in an Opioid-Induced Overdose

As soon as feasible, officers will verify with Communications that SFD is en route. Upon using Nasal Naloxone, officers will monitor the subject and perform basic life support until SFD arrives. Officers will inform SFD personnel of the use of Nasal Naloxone.

5. Officers Will Dispose of Used Nasal Naloxone Kits in a Sharps Container

6. Officers Will Document the Use of Nasal Naloxone in a GO Report and Forward It Via Alert Packet to the Safety Officer

Officer Steve Redmond is the Department Safety Officer.

Standing Orders for Use of Nasal Naloxone

These Standing Orders provide guidelines and authorize a properly qualified Seattle Police Department or Criminal Justice Employee to use Nasal Naloxone on a subject who is reasonably believed to be suffering an opioid-induced overdose.

These orders were issued on March 15th, 2016 and remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Medical Director of Seattle Medic One.

The Department Safety Officer oversees the Nasal Naloxone program and works with the Department lead EMT.

Upon encountering the patient:

1. **Establish** patient unresponsiveness.

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2. **Discover** signs of opioid overdose (behavior, paraphernalia, witness statements.)
3. **Activate** the EMS System (CALL FOR MEDICS).
4. **Administer** Nasal Naloxone to the patient in accordance with training.
5. **Notify** SPD Communications that Naloxone has been administered.
6. **Provide** basic life support care, per training.

Upon arrival of Fire Department/Medic One:

Patient care is the responsibility of the Fire Department.

Officer may assist as needed.

Provide a verbal report of findings and actions to Fire Department member in charge.

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