

Good Samaritan Law

The Maryland Good Samaritan Law effective **October 1, 2015**, provides protection from arrest as well as prosecution for certain specific crimes and expands the charges from which people assisting in an emergency overdose situation are immune. If someone calls 911 in an effort to help during an overdose crisis, or they are experiencing an overdose, their parole and probation status will not be affected, and they will now not be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for:

- Possession of a controlled dangerous substance
- Possession or use of drug paraphernalia
- Providing alcohol to minors

Please find a fact sheet regarding the Good Samaritan Law here:

[https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Documents/Good%20Samaritan%20Law%20Fact%20Sheet%20\(feb2018\).pdf](https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Documents/Good%20Samaritan%20Law%20Fact%20Sheet%20(feb2018).pdf)

For more information, visit

https://bha.health.maryland.gov/OVERDOSE_PREVENTION/Pages/Good-Samaritan-Law.aspx