

Responding to Opioid-Related Overdose

University Standards: STN-U1300.03C

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Approved by: Chief of University Police/Director of Public Safety

Authority

[POL-U1300.03](#) Preventing the Misuse and Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs

See Also

[RCW 28B.10.577](#) Opioid overdose reversal medication – Administration, Training, Assistance with grants and donations

[RCW 69.41.095](#) Opioid overdose reversal medication—Standing order permitted

Policy Owner and Partners

Policy Owner: Chief of University Police Department (UPD)

Policy Partners: Director of University Residences (UR)
Director of Environmental Health and Safety

Purpose of Standards

To establish a plan for the maintenance and administration and training of opioid overdose reversal medication in and around its residence halls as required and allowed by state law.

Requirements

1. Overdose Reversal Medication (ORM) Maintained by the University Police Department

The Chief of Police will designate a position in the UPD to be the ORM inventory custodian responsible for ensuring:

- a) An adequate inventory is maintained consistent with projected demands,
- b) Ensuring the medication is distributed to designated locations, and
- c) The medication is routinely tracked to ensure there is enough time to reacquire and replace the medication prior to the expiration date.

2. ORM to be Stored Safely, Securely, and Easily Accessible

Each UPD Officer will maintain two doses of ORM, one in their vehicle and one in their locker. The designated ORM inventory custodian will maintain a replacement supply and ensure the supply is:

- a) Safely stored consistent with the manufacturer's guidelines,
- b) Clearly labeled in an unlocked cabinet that is supervised but easily accessible to designated personnel.

The ORM inventory custodian will also ensure UPD officers have an adequate supply of additional materials (e.g., barrier masks, gloves) associated with responding to an individual with a suspected opioid overdose and is stored with the medication for use.

3. University Personnel will Be Trained

No employee may administer the medication without first completing required training.

The **Chief of Police** will ensure:

- a) Initial Training for UPD officers will occur during the Field Training, and annually thereafter, on the administration and inventory procedures of the medication through its officer training program and annually thereafter, and
- b) Training for UPD non-officer staff who have a role in purchasing, distribution, and inventory monitoring of the medication when applicable.

The **Director of University Residences** will ensure:

- a) Resident Directors and Resident Assistants, through formal training, are informed of the availability of ORM and to contact UPD if an overdose is suspected.
- b) Student residents are informed and reminded in some manner (e.g., posters) of the availability of ORM and to contact UPD if an overdose is suspected.

4. Officers to Promptly Report Use of or Expired Overdose Reversal Medication

Officers shall notify the ORM inventory custodian in UPD at the earliest practical opportunity after they:

- a) Have administered one or both doses, or
- b) Notice an ORM is expired.

5. Chief of Police to Ensure Program is Reviewed Regularly

The Chief of Police will initiate a review of:

- a) Each overdose response incident, and
- b) The overdose response program on a regular basis (no longer than every 3 years) and will include a review of the:
 - i. Response plan document,
 - ii. Designated positions to administer the medication, and
 - iii. Locations where the medication is stored.

Necessary changes to the standards and procedures are to be made and communicated promptly to all designated personnel in a timely manner.