

# Washington's New 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

## Goes Into Effect on June 10th, 2010

Starting June 10th, 2010, **if you think you're witnessing a drug overdose and seek medical help**, you will receive immunity from criminal charges of drug possession. The overdose victim you're helping is protected, too. **Call 911.**

**Drug overdoses kill more than two people per day in Washington.** Most of these deaths can be prevented with fast medical help. **Calling 911 can save a life.**



For more information visit [www.StopOverdose.org](http://www.StopOverdose.org).

- ▶ Most drug overdoses involve a prescription medication used with other medications, drugs or alcohol. Death from these overdoses can be prevented with fast medical help. Call 911.
- ▶ The 911 Good Samaritan immunity does not extend to outstanding warrants, probation or parole violations, drug manufacture or delivery, controlled substances homicide, or other crimes besides drug possession.
- ▶ However, judges can give people who seek medical help for overdose victims shorter sentences even if the 911 Good Samaritan immunity doesn't apply to them. Call 911 to help save a life.

