ARE YOU PROTECTED BY THE GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG OVERDOSE ACT?

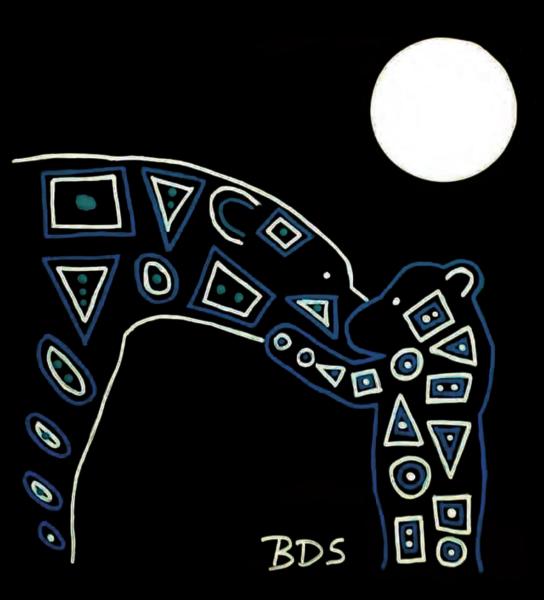
The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act can protect you and others at the scene from being charged for having or using drugs, if you seek medical help for yourself or for someone else who has overdosed.

The law protects against charges for:

- Having drugs for your own use ("simple possession")
- Violating any condition of your parole, bail, probation, or conditional sentence ("house arrest") from a previous simple possession charge

The law does not protect against charges for:

- Selling illegal drugs (trafficking): Police may suspect this if you have a large amount of drugs, cash, or items like scales, baggies, and debt lists
- Offences other than simple possession
- Any outstanding arrest warrants
- Violating any condition of your parole, bail, probation, or conditional sentence for an offence that is not simple possession



Police may not always know about the law's protections.

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