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Reports of Multiple Drug Overdoses in North Seattle

On January 7th, Seattle Police and Fire Departments responded to multiple reports of presumed or potential overdoses along the Aurora corridor in North Seattle, including fatalities. The reported overdoses occurred in the 7800 block of Aurora Avenue N., 900 block of N 80 Street and 900 block of N 102 Street. Investigations are ongoing to learn more.

As a precaution, Public Health officials have issued a public alert about the increased overdose danger. The safest approach is to avoid use of heroin or other drugs. If you feel you need to use, please don’t do it alone. Make sure you and the people you use with always carry Naloxone which can reverse an overdose. Naloxone is available through the Needle Exchange at 2124 Fourth Avenue.

As a reminder, Washington’s “Good Samaritan Law” offers legal protection against drug possession charges to anyone who calls 911 to report an overdose. If you or anyone you know is overdosing on drugs, please remember you can call 911 for help without the fear of prosecution.

Visit stopoverdose.org for more information on preventing opioid overdose deaths.

Protect yourself and those you love!

1. Don’t use alone
   - The other person can respond to signs of an overdose.

2. Know the signs of an overdose
   - Slow breathing
   - Blue lips or fingertips
   - Slow heart beat
   - Won’t wake up

3. Call 911
   - Always call 911 if you suspect an overdose.
   - Stay with the person who may be overdosing; the Washington State Good Samaritan law will protect you from arrest yourself when you have called 911 to report an overdose

4. Carry Naloxone
   - Naloxone can reverse an overdose, but it may take more than one dose, and overdose symptoms can return after the naloxone wears off
   - Always carry naloxone
   - Get naloxone for free at the needle exchange

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