

Recent Utah Substance Use Legislation

H.B. 011 - Overdose Reporting

This new law provides that an individual who reports a person's overdose from any substance, may be exempt from charges of violating the Utah Controlled Substances Act, if:

- The person remains with the person who is experiencing the overdose; and
- Cooperates with responding medical providers and law enforcement officers
- Link - <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0011.html>

H.B. 119 - Opiate Overdose Emergency Treatment

This new law defines terms, and;

- Permits the administration of an opiate antagonist (Naloxone) to a person who he/she believes is experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose;
- Establishes immunity for the good faith administration of the medication;
- Clarifies that it is not unlawful or unprofessional conduct for certain doctors to prescribe Naloxone to:
 - A person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose; or
 - A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person who is a user of pain killers or heroin
- If you or someone you care about, is at risk for an opiate overdose, see your doctor and get a prescription for Naloxone
- Link - <http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0119.html>

H.B. 69 - Expungement of Records (2013)

This 2013 law makes it simpler to request an expungement of a criminal record;

- Clarifies information that can and cannot be released after an expungement
- Addition of another felony and misdemeanor offense to the list of those that can be expunged;
- Requires the petitioner to be free of illegal substance abuse and successfully managing any substance addiction;
- Clarifies the difference between a pardon and expungement.
- Link - <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillenr/HB0069.pdf>