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| SOU Logo Naloxone (Narcan®) kit care and inspections |

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**Related Policy or Policies: Environmental Health and Safety FAD.085**

# Revision History

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|  | Initial release | 07/15/2022 |
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## A. Purpose

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| To ensure Naloxone (Narcan® or equivalent) kits are effective and available. |

## B. Definitions

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| Naloxone (Narcan®) is a safe medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. It only works on opioids, such as heroin, prescription painkillers and fentanyl, but it is safe to use even if opioids are not present. |

## C. Procedures

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| **Inspection:**  Monthly inspections will be conducted to ensure the kits are located and ready to use.   1. Visual inspection will ensure expiration date is not exceeded, and seals of kits have not been broken. 2. Inspection will also ensure that kit is stored at a controlled temperature 68ºF to 77ºF (20ºC to 25ºC). 3. Inspection will also ensure that a minimum of 1 kit containing 2 doses of medication is present. 4. If the kit is missing, damaged, exposed to extreme temperatures, or near its expiration date contact EHS at [ehs@sou.edu](mailto:ehs@sou.edu) for a replacement. |
| This procedure may be revised at any time without notice. All revisions supersede prior procedures and are effective immediately upon approval. |

## D. Appendix

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| Naloxone is a medicine that is an antidote to opioid drugs. Opioids can slow or stop a person's breathing, leading to death. Naloxone helps a person who has opioids in his or her body wake up and keep breathing. Naloxone is also known by the brand name Narcan. An overdose death may happen hours after taking drugs. If a bystander acts when it is first noticed that a person's breathing has slowed, or when the user cannot be awakened, there is time to call 911, start rescue breathing (if needed) and give naloxone. Naloxone is safe and effective; emergency medical professionals have used it for decades. |

Naloxone reverses an opioid overdose. Naloxone works by blocking the effects of opiates on the brain and by restoring breathing. Naloxone will only work if a person has opiates in their system. It will not work with other drugs. A person cannot get “high” from using naloxone, and it is safe for practically anyone to use.