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November 18, 2025, is [National Injury Prevention Day \(NIPD\)](#)!

NIPD raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries. This observance "shines a green light for safety and helps all communities be injury free."

For our third "Shine a Green Light for Safety" weekly spotlight leading up to NIPD, the [Injury Prevention Unit](#) wants to highlight how [naloxone](#) can be used to reverse opioid-involved drug poisonings and help Texans #BeInjuryFree.

Texas is experiencing a drug poisoning epidemic. **Drug poisonings increased more than 98%** between 2018 and 2023. [EMS responses for non-fatal opioid-involved drug poisonings](#) have steadily increased. In 2019, there were a total of 5,020 EMS responses for non-fatal opioid-involved drug poisonings. By 2023, that number increased to 13,314. Preliminary 2023 data indicated that the opioid [fentanyl accounted for 45.3%](#) of all drug poisoning deaths in Texas.

The life-saving medication naloxone can help reverse opioid-involved drug poisonings, including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications. [Anyone can carry naloxone and giving it right away](#) can potentially save a life during a drug poisoning.

The [Texas Overdose Data to Action](#) (TODA) program helps connect Texans with life-saving naloxone through the [Naloxone Locator Map](#). TODA and [Naloxone Texas](#) also provide free naloxone vending machines, dispenser stands, and wall boxes to expand naloxone distribution in Texas communities. Communities can reference the [Naloxone Distribution Checklist](#) to assess readiness and learn TODA-recommended best practices. Communities can apply for naloxone containers through the [Naloxone Distribution Container Application](#).

Shine a green light for life-saving naloxone in your community! Check out the [Naloxone Locator Map](#). Recognize the [signs of drug poisoning](#). Carry and learn how to [administer naloxone](#).

Next week, we'll take a look at the role of mental wellness in injury prevention and helping Texas communities #BeInjuryFree.

General Injury Prevention Resources

- Learn more about our programs: [Injury Prevention | Texas DSHS](#)
- Find state and national Injury Prevention resources: [Injury Prevention Resources | Texas DSHS](#)
- Locate more Injury Prevention-related news, events, and observances: [Injury Prevention Calendar | Texas DSHS](#)

Questions? Email us at injury.prevention@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you!

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