

What to do if someone has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine?

Administer naloxone, if available.

Ring **000** immediately if a child has swallowed Methadone or Buprenorphine.

Give the paramedics the medication packaging.

If a child or an opiate naïve person may have taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine they may:

- > be sleepy or drowsy
- > be pale
- > be flat and have no energy
- > perspire (sweat)
- > have trouble breathing

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that reverses the effects of opioid overdose. Ask your pharmacist for information on naloxone.

Helpful numbers

Ambulance attendance ph: **000**

Poison Information Centre ph: **13 11 26**

Not sure if someone has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine. If you think a child or an opiate naïve person may have taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine:

- > take them immediately to the emergency department of a hospital or call an ambulance
- > take the container with you
- > tell the staff the time you think they took the Methadone or Buprenorphine

Methadone, Buprenorphine (Subutex®, Suboxone®) and other drugs of dependence **can be very dangerous to children and other people.**

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Methadone Buprenorphine NOT FOR KIDS

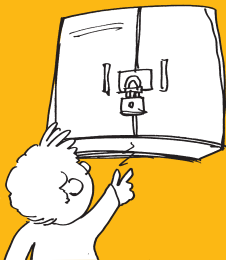
Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dassa

DOs

✓ **DO** leave your medication labeled and packaged as the pharmacist provides it to you.



✓ **DO** lock your medication in a receptacle to help prevent other people and animals accessing it.



✓ **DO** call an ambulance if you think a child or someone else has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine.



DON'T'S...

✗ **DON'T** store your Methadone or Buprenorphine in the fridge.



✗ **DON'T** leave your Methadone or Buprenorphine in the car.



✗ **DON'T** ever tamper with the packaging.

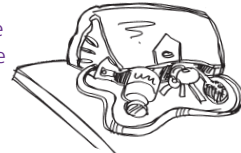


DON'T'S...

✗ **DON'T** take your Methadone or Buprenorphine in front of children or others.



✗ **DON'T** keep your Methadone or Buprenorphine on you ...eg in handbag or pockets. Leave it locked up at home.



✗ **DON'T** ever give your Methadone or Buprenorphine to anyone else.

