

Vote No on SB-109



Public Health Professionals, Mental Health Providers, Harm Reduction Experts, Behavioral Health Providers and People Directly Impacted by the Overdose Crisis all agree: No on SB-109.

Colorado deserves a plan that is tough on the overdose crisis:

- ✓ Save lives now with overdose reversal treatments, Good Samaritan laws, and Overdose Prevention Centers
- ✓ Reduce demand with prevention, treatment, and recovery
- ✓ Disrupt major transnational criminal organizations
- ✗ Drug-induced homicide laws from the 1980s that will take Colorado backwards

Drug-induced homicide laws are wrong for Colorado:

- **Punishes friends and family.** Decades of data from 25 states show these laws invariably send grieving loved ones of the deceased to prison – not drug kingpins.
- **Undermines Good Samaritan laws.** Research shows drug-induced homicide laws cost lives by sending a clear message: “Do not call for help if someone you shared drugs with is overdosing.”
- **Does not work.** You cannot deter an accidental overdose that no one intends to happen – no matter how draconian you make the penalty.
- **Not fixed by changes.** The extremely narrow carve-outs to SB-109 added in the Senate are inadequate to prevent the prosecution of people who share drugs with a friend or relative who dies.
- **Too extreme.** Drug-induced homicide laws have recently been rejected even by conservative states such as Utah and Wyoming.

Colorado should “Just Say No” to SB-109 – a counterproductive law that would undermine our fight against the overdose crisis.