

WE KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE TRAINED TO TAP OR KICK FEET TO WAKE SOMEONE. MANY PEOPLE CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE WITHOUT INTENT OF MALICE OR HARM.



CHECKING ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS IS A SMALL WAY WE CAN HELP KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!

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WHEN WE CHECK ON SOMEONE'S LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, WE DO NOT KICK BOOTS. COPS KICK BOOTS.



WE DO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE MINDFUL WHEN CHECKING ON PEOPLE TO KEEP YOU AND THEM SAFE. KICKING THEIR FEET IS A TYPICAL APPROACH FROM SECURITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS CAN RAPIDLY CAUSE AN UNINTENTIONAL TRAUMA RESPONSE DUE TO THE HEAVILY CRIMINALIZED EXISTENCE OF THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE HOMES OR INDOOR SPACES TO REST.



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PEOPLE DO NEED SLEEP. IT'S OKAY IF YOU WANT TO LEAVE THEM TO REST, SOME PEOPLE GET CHECKED ON FREQUENTLY. THIS CAN BE FRUSTRATING AND IMPEDE THE ABILITY TO GET A FULFILLING SLEEP. BEFORE YOU GO, STAND BY FOR A LITTLE AND MAKE SURE YOU SEE ACTIVE BREATHS, COUNT 1 BREATH EVERY 5 SECONDS. PEOPLE DO NEED UNINTERRUPTED SLEEP BUT THEY ALSO NEED TO BE BREATHING.

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APPROACHES WE USE:

- IF THEY WAKE UP APOLOGIZE FOR WAKING THEM
- EXPLAIN YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE OK.
- WE CARRY CIGARETTES AND OFFER ONE AS AN APOLOGY FOR WAKING THEM.
- IF YOU HAVE OTHER SUPPLIES OFFER THOSE AS WELL.
- CONTINUE TO BE RESPECTFUL.



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APPROACHES WE USE:

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HAD TO ACTIVATE AN OD RESPONSE?

CONTINUE TO TELL THEM WHAT YOU'RE DOING. BEFORE AND DURING

- EVEN IF THEY SEEM UNCONSCIOUS, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HEAR YOU.
- IT HELPS YOU REMAIN RESPECTFUL.
- IT TELLS EVERYONE AROUND YOU WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
- IT REASSURES THEM WHEN THEY BECOME MORE ALERT.
- ALLOWS FOR CONSENT OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT WHEN MORE ALERT.



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- SAY HELLO & INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
- SAY WHY YOU'RE BOTHERING THEM.
- (IE, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OK)
- CONTINUE TO STATE WHO YOU ARE
- USE THEIR NAME IF YOU KNOW IT
- TELL THEM YOU'RE GOING TO TOUCH THEM
- TAP THEM ON THE SHOULDER OR SQUEEZE IF NECESSARY
- MOVE THEIR HEAD TO SEE LIPS (ARE THEY BLUE?)
- YOU MAY NEED TO ACTIVATE AN OVERDOSE RESPONSE, BE PREPARED & REVIEW OD RESPONSE & NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION