



# TOXIC DRUG ALERT



## Northern Health Region

Alert expires: October 7, 2025

### DRUG CHARACTERISTICS

#### Substance(s)

A purple paste/sample sold as 'down' has tested positive for fentanyl, benzos and medetomidine.

#### Colour(s)



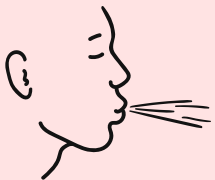
Purple

#### Response(s)

Overdoses leading to deep and prolonged sedation, and very low or no pulse. May result in death.

May require multiple doses of naloxone or may not respond to naloxone.

### OVERDOSE SIGNS



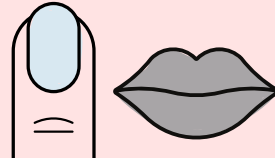
Slow or NO breathing.



Choking, gurgling, or snoring sounds.



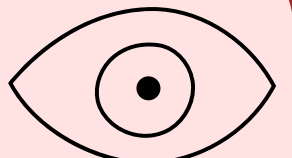
Person isn't moving. Can't be woken up.



Lips & nails may look blue or grey



Skin feels cold or clammy.



Pupils are tiny.

#### Local OPS information



Visit: [northernhealth.ca/health-topics/overdose-prevention](https://northernhealth.ca/health-topics/overdose-prevention)

#### Have a safety plan:

- ✓ Don't use alone, use with someone you trust
- ✓ If alone, use the Lifeguard or BeSafe app
- ✓ When possible avoid mixing drugs or mixing drugs with alcohol
- ✓ Carry and know how to use naloxone
- ✓ Test a small amount and go slow
- ✓ **Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses**



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