# **Toxic Drug Alert**



# Issued for Dawson Creek, BC

#### For Immediate Release

November 7, 2025

Northern Health and First Nations Health Authority are issuing a Toxic Drug Alert for the community of Dawson Creek. A blue 'rock chunk' like substance being sold as 'heroin' has been linked to an increase of overdose events.

This substance is highly toxic, causes heavy and prolonged sedation, and requires more naloxone to reverse. Overdoses happen when the substance is smoked and/or injected.

### Be cautious when using substances and follow the safety tips below:

- Get training to prevent, recognize, and respond to an overdose; carry naloxone
- Don't use alone. Make a plan and use with a trusted person who can call for help if needed.
- If you plan to use alone, use the Lifeguard app available for free on the app store or on Toward the Heart website (<u>towardtheheart.com</u>) or call NORS (National Overdose Response Service) 1-888-688-6677 (NORS).
- Know your tolerance. If you are sick or had a time of abstinence or reduced use, use much less.
- Don't mix drugs or mix drugs with alcohol.
- Test a small amount first and go slow.
- Use in an OPS if possible (see locations listed below).
- Access fentanyl drug checking where available (OPS sites).
- Call 911 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses.

## Local overdose prevention sites (OPS)

Dawson Creek OPS

Address: 1001 110 Ave, Dawson Creek, BC

Hours: 10 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week



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