



# DRUG ADVISORY



## Northwest Region

Alert expires: December 25, 2025

### DRUG CHARACTERISTICS

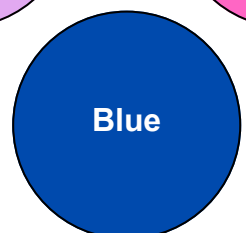
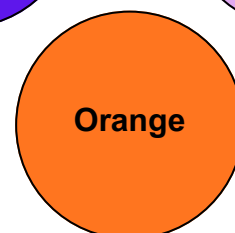
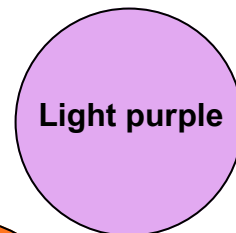
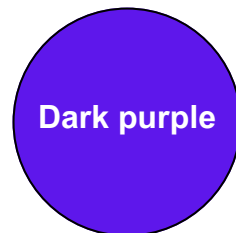
#### Details

Several “Down” samples submitted for drug checking have tested positive for Medetomidine.

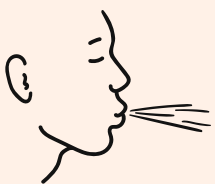
Drugs containing Medetomidine can cause deep and prolonged sedation with very low or no pulse.

Overdose symptoms may require multiple doses of naloxone or may not respond to naloxone.

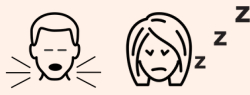
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### OVERDOSE SIGNS



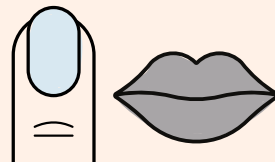
**Slow or NO breathing.**



**Choking, gurgling, or snoring sounds.**



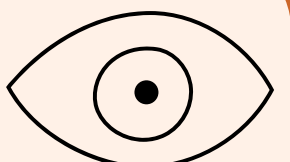
**Person isn't moving. Can't be woken up.**



**Lips & nails may look blue or grey**



**Skin feels cold or clammy.**



**Pupils are tiny.**

#### Local supports



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 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
- ✓ Take into account a potential decrease in tolerance and isolation due to cold weather
- ✓ **Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses**



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