

Toxic Drug Alert



Issued for Prince George, BC

For Immediate Release

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Northern Health and FNHA are issuing a Toxic Drug Alert for the community of Prince George following an increase in overdose events in the community. The substance is being sold as “down” and is pink with white flecks, looking orange when crushed.

This substance is highly toxic, causes heavy and prolonged sedation, and requires more naloxone to reverse. Overdoses have been reported to occur when the substance is smoked.

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 tell a trusted person who can call for help if needed.
- If you plan to use alone, use the Lifeguard available free on the app store or on Toward the Heart website (towardtheheart.com).
- 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 Prince George 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)

Prince George Needle Exchange

Address: 277 George St, Prince George

Phone: [250-645-3810](tel:250-645-3810)

Nursing services available by appointment

Two Doors Down

Address: 1126 3rd Ave, Prince George, BC

Sample drop off and drug checking available



Alert in effect until:

May 1, 2026



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