



Health Alert

Substances Causing Symptoms of Extreme Sedation

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In the Guelph area, there are reports of substances causing extreme sedation:

- Purple fentanyl has been indicated in two known incidents.
- Similar reports in the Waterloo Region alert indicate purple/dark red and white/clear fentanyl.
- People who have been affected typically become unresponsive for at least an hour during this period of sedation.
- After this period of sedation, the person is typically still affected by sedative-like effects; lasting up to 3 hours.
- When possible, make sure to use in a safe area with people you can trust.



Reduce your risk of overdose

- ✓ Carry naloxone
- ✓ Never use alone*
- ✓ Start low and go slow (e.g., with any new purchase, start with 1/3 of a normal dose)
- ✓ Use the Consumption and Treatment Services Site (CTS) supervised by health professionals at Guelph's Community Health Centre

www.wdgpulichealth.ca/harmreduction

*It's important to maintain 2 metres distance to protect yourself during the COVID-19 pandemic. Phone a friend or call the Overdose Prevention Line (1-888-853-8542) to make sure someone is available to check up on you.