## **A** Health Alert

## Four suspected drug-related deaths in two weeks

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Substances circulating in the Guelph area may be stronger than usual, based on:

- 17 drug poisoning in the last two weeks, including four suspected drug-related deaths
- Light purple fentanyl has been involved in atypical drug poisoning events:
  - normal breathing rate
  - o completely unresponsive (even to pain stimuli)
  - o extremely low heart rate
  - o requiring higher than normal naloxone administration

## Reduce your risk of overdose

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- ✓ 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.wdgpublichealth.ca/harmreduction

\*If you are using alone, the National Overdose Response Service is a free and anonymous service that you can call to check in on you. Available tollfree, 24/7 at 1-888-688-NORS (6677).

