



# HEALTH ALERT

**13 Substance-Related Poisonings in the Past Week.  
Potentially Contaminated Meth Supply.**



## **Substances circulating in Guelph area may be stronger than usual**

- 13 substance-related poisonings occurred in the Guelph region between Friday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 7, 2024.
- Evidence from the Scatr drug testing machine suggests that the crystal meth supply may be contaminated with synthetic opiates (potentially fentanyl) with three cases identified in the past week.
- Use extreme caution when using any unregulated drugs as supply may be stronger than usual.

### **REDUCE YOUR RISK**



- Carry naloxone
- Try to avoid using 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 (CHC) located at 176 Wyndham Street N
- Visit the Guelph CHC to use the Scatr machine to test your substances



**Visit [wdgpublichealth.ca/harmreduction](https://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 toll free, 24/7 at 1-888-688-NORS (6677).**