



# HEALTH ALERT

**At Least 21 Drug Poisonings & One Fatality in the Past Week (August 29, 2025).**



**Stronger substances may be circulating in the Guelph region since August 21, contributing to a rise in poisonings.**

- There have been at least 21 reported cases of substance-related poisonings and one fatality in the Guelph-Wellington area since August 21, 2025.
- Please exercise extreme caution when using unregulated drugs, as the current supply may be more potent and unpredictable than usual.



## REDUCE YOUR RISK

**While the Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) at the Guelph Community Health Centre (GCHC) is now closed, strategies and supports are still available.**



- **Test your substances:** Test strips are available from Sanguen, Wyndham House and WDG Public Health. A drug testing machine is also located at Guelph CHC at 176 Wyndham St. N.
- **Carry naloxone:** Naloxone is available and free at WDG Public Health, local pharmacies, the downtown library, and Guelph CHC.
- **Avoid using substances alone:** Call the National Overdose Response Services (NORS) at 1-888-688-NORS (6677) if you're by yourself.
- **Start low, go slow:** Use only a small amount of any new or unfamiliar substance.
- **Share harm reduction information and resources.**
- **Connect to substance use and mental health supports.**

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