



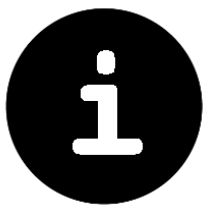
Health Warning

Xylazine a.k.a. “Tranq” identified in WDG Region

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Xylazine, also known as “tranq” or “Zombie drug” has been identified in the WDG Region:

- **Xylazine** is an animal tranquilizer used in veterinary medicine **increasingly detected** in opioid toxicity deaths across the province
- Contaminants, such as **xylazine and benzodiazepines do not respond to naloxone** increasing risk of fatal overdose
- Injecting a drug that contains xylazine can lead to **severe skin lesions** and can result in need for **amputation and death** if untreated
- **Seek emergency medical care immediately if lesions appear** and continue to follow the recommended precautions below to reduce your risk of overdose



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 – open Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last entry at 4 p.m.

www.wdgpulichealth.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).

