



# Drug Alert

Fentanyl

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**What is it?** It is a very toxic opioid that can result in overdose causing death.

**Sold as/in:** Being sold as counterfeit Hydromorphone tablet in Manitoba.

**Risk:** Unexpected make up. Usually sold as powder. Risk of overdose and /or death.

Decreased level of consciousness and slowed breathing, reversible with Naloxone.

## Side Effects:

### What does an overdose look like?

- slowed/irregular breathing
- loss of consciousness
- low blood pressure and heart rate
- drowsiness
- confusion
- slurred speech
- blurred vision
- pin point pupils or rolled back

### Ways to stay safe

#### **Try not to use alone**

- Buddy up with someone you trust.
- Don't use at the same time. Make sure the other person is okay before you use.

#### **Carry Naloxone and know how to use it**

- Visit Northwestern Health Unit for a kit & refresher on how to save a life.
- If you think someone is overdosing, give Naloxone!

#### **If you must use alone, have a safety plan**

- Get someone to check on you in person or by phone.
- Download the lifeguard app - it could save your life!
- Call NORS before you use 1-888-688-NORS (6677).

#### **See a health care provider if:**

- you have a wound - left untreated, it could lead to amputation.
- you need to talk about an overdose or other experience.
- you need other health care.

**Call 911 if you think someone is overdosing!**

Call Northwestern Health Unit for more information:

Toll free 1-800-830-5978