



Drug Alert

Fentanyl & Benzodiazepine January 24th 2025



Northwestern
Health Unit

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What is it? Benzodiazepines are sedatives and do not respond to naloxone.

Sold as/in: Purple rock sold as DOWN associated with an overdose on January 15 In Winnipeg, MB.

Risk: list risks to clients i.e., overdose symptoms similar to opioids, naloxone does not work

Side Effects: Confusion, extreme fatigue or unconscious
Slurred speech, blurred vision and dilated pupils
Slowed heart rate and breathing

What does an overdose look like?

- Confusion
- Extreme fatigue or unconscious
- Slurred speech
- Muscle weakness
- Shallow slow or no breathing
- Blurred vision or dilated pupils
- Slow heart rate
- Cold or pale/blue clammy skin

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:

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