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**Drug Strategy**



## PURPLE HEROIN "PURP" WITH CARFENTANIL

**Purple heroin "purp" seized December 2017 and January 2018 in Sudbury has been confirmed by Health Canada to contain CARFENTANIL.**

### Be safer

- Have naloxone (NARCAN®) ready.
- Use with other people, but NOT at the exact same time. Never use drugs alone.
- Start with smaller amounts than usual.
- An overdose occurs quickly.
- **Call 911** if you suspect the person is overdosing.
- Stay with the person until help arrives.

### Overdose symptoms include:

- Blue lips or nails
- Dizziness and confusion
- Can't be woken up
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

### What is carfentanil?

Carfentanil is an opioid that is used by veterinarians for very large animals like elephants. Carfentanil is 100 times stronger than Fentanyl. An amount the size of a grain of salt, or 20 micrograms could be fatal to a person.

### Carfentanil

- Is a toxic synthetic opioid which is sometimes mixed into street drugs.
- **Is not** intended for human consumption.
- Has been used in tablets that look like prescription drugs.
- Has no smell or taste and you can't see it. You may not know that your drug is laced with carfentanil.
- Comes in many forms: powder, pill, liquid and blotter.



For a free naloxone kit, contact Réseau ACCESS Network at 705.688.0500 or ask your local pharmacist.

[www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free](http://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free)



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