



Community
Drug Strategy



CARFENTANIL

INCREASE IN CARFENTANIL IN ONTARIO CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Prevent opioid overdose / save lives:

- Avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter and illegal drugs.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs.
- When switching substances or if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose.
- Avoid using drugs when you are alone. If this is not possible, ask a friend to check in on you.
- When using drugs with a friend, do not use at the same time.
- Carry a naloxone kit.
- Use multiple doses of naloxone as needed.
- Call 911 if you suspect an overdose.

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 a very toxic opioid that is significantly more potent than fentanyl and people who use carfentanil may be at high risk of overdose.

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- 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 *The Point* at Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Réseau Access Network, Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY) or ask your local pharmacist.

www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free



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