



DRUG WARNING:

HIGHLY POTENT SUBSTANCES CIRCULATING IN GREATER SUDBURY

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There are potent substances circulating in Greater Sudbury, which have led to an increase in suspected opioid-related overdoses.

This situation serves as an important reminder to the community that every batch of street drugs is different, and may be cut or mixed with substances such as fentanyl or carfentanil. Even a very small amount of these substances can cause an overdose.

Prevent opioid overdoses / save lives:

- 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
- When switching substances or if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose
- Carry a naloxone kit
- Use multiple doses of naloxone as needed
- Call 911 if you suspect an overdose
- Avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter and illegal drugs
- Avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs

Overdose symptoms include:

- blue lips or nails
- dizziness and confusion
- the person can't be woken up
- choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- slow, weak or no breathing
- drowsiness or difficulty staying awake

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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