



# PRP ADVISORY

## Presence of Meclonazepam (primary) and Fentanyl/Etizolam/ Caffeine (co-occurring) found in recent Regina Police seizure

February 7, 2022

### IMPORTANT

The CPSS has been notified by *Health Canada's* Drug Analysis Service that a primarily benzodiazepine substance, known as **Meclonazepam** (5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-7-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one) which is controlled under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act (Schedule IV, Item 18), was present in a yellow powder. Three other co-occurring substances were also detected in the sample: **Fentanyl** (N-(1-phenethyl-4-piperidyl) propionanilide), a benzodiazepine, namely **Etizolam** (4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-9-methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine) and **Caffeine**

The substance was received in *Health Canada* laboratory on January 4, 2022 and is the first detection of a substance of concern in the Regina area.

- The substance may also represent a threat to anyone handling it without taking the appropriate health and safety precautions.
- The Drug Analysis Service has instituted a policy to communicate advisories to clients as well as provincial and territorial public health authorities regarding potentially problematic substances. This policy aims to provide information, as part of an early warning system, to warn Canadians of new substances which may pose a potential health hazard.

### QUESTIONS:

For more information, write to the **Prescription Review Program** at [prp@cps.sk.ca](mailto:prp@cps.sk.ca) or call 1-306-244-7355.