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# Drug Advisory

## **Fentanyl and xylazine detected in a substance tested at the Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre's Drug Checking site in Regina.**

REGINA – October 18, 2023 - The Prescription Review Program (PRP) has been notified by the Ministry of Health that a substance tested positive for **fentanyl** and **xylazine**, which presents with a **high risk for overdose and drug toxicity deaths**.

The substance, **sold as fentanyl**, was tested at the Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Center's Drug Checking site in Regina and was presented in the form of **dark purple chunks**.

Result contains:

- 50-55% Erythritol/Xylitol (sugars)
- 20-25% Caffeine
- 15-20% Xylazine\*
- 10-15% Fentanyl

Xylazine is a tranquilizer used in veterinary medicine and can go by the street name "**tranq**". It can **lower heart rate, blood pressure and breathing**. It causes **sedation, muscle relaxation, and unconsciousness**. Combining xylazine with other substances **increases the risk of overdose and death**.

**Xylazine cannot be reversed with naloxone.**

*The **Prescription Review Program** (PRP) is Saskatchewan's prescription monitoring program. It monitors for apparent inappropriate prescribing and inappropriate use of a provincially designated panel of monitored prescription drugs, as listed in [Regulatory Bylaw 18.1](#), which have been deemed subject to misuse or abuse in the province.*

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**Community/Region:** Regina

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**RISK:** High risk of lethal overdose.

**Tested at:** Regina Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre

**Date Alert Expires:** October 25, 2023