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Drug Advisory

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

REGINA – October 20, 2023 - The Prescription Review Program (PRP) has been notified by the Ministry of Health that a substance tested positive for **fentanyl, benzodiazepine** and **xylazine**, which presents with a **high risk for overdose and drug toxicity deaths**.

It is unknown as to what the substance was sold as but was tested at the Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Center's Drug Checking site in Regina and was presented in the form of **pink chunks**.

Result contains:

- 60-65% Erythritol
- 15-20% Xylazine*
- 10-15% Caffeine
- 5-10% Fentanyl
- Positive on Benzodiazepine Test Strip (% composition unknown)

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 such as fentanyl and benzodiazepines **increases the risk of overdose and death**.

Xylazine and benzodiazepines 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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DRUG ALERT



Date Issued: October 19, 2023

Community/Region: Regina

Description of drug: Pink chunks (See image)

Sold as: Unknown

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Positive on Benzodiazepine (“benzo”) Test Strip

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It causes sedation, muscle relaxation, and unconsciousness.

Combining xylazine with other substances, such as fentanyl and benzodiazepines (“benzos”), increases the risk of overdose and death.

Xylazine and “benzos” cannot be reversed with naloxone.

RISK: High risk of lethal overdose.

Tested at: Regina Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre

Date Alert Expires: October 26, 2023