

OVERDOSE ALERT

Date: March 28th, 2018

Purple substance confirmed to be Carfentanil in Waterloo Region

- On March 22nd Waterloo Regional Police seized a purple substance with a consistency like 'play dough'.
- Health Canada has since confirmed this is carfentanil.
- Carfentanil is 10,000 times more toxic than morphine.
- Carfentanil is an opioid that is used to sedate large animals such as elephants and is not for human consumption.
- Carfentanil can not be detected by sight, smell, or taste
- Overdose can occur via inhalation, ingesting or injecting.
- Please exercise caution when using any substance. There may be a risk of overdose due to cross contamination.



IF SOMEONE OVERDOSES:

1. **Call 911**
2. **Administer naloxone if an opioid overdose is suspected**
3. **Do not give stimulants (e.g. crystal meth) as this can make the overdose worse**
4. **Continue to assist victim until paramedics arrive**
5. **The victim should accompany paramedics to hospital**

IF USING SUBSTANCES:

- **Never use substances alone**
- **Try a very small amount first**
- **If you use with a friend do not use at the exact same time**
- **Avoid mixing substances**
- **Have naloxone ready. Know how to respond to an overdose.**

TO GET FREE NALOXONE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE TRAINING CONTACT:

- Region of Waterloo Public Health – 519-575-4400 or Sanguen Health Centre – 519-603-0223
- To find naloxone at a pharmacy near you visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free>

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