

# OVERDOSE ALERT

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## Purple/Dark Red, White/Clear Fentanyl Causing Extreme Sedation

- Over the past few days there have been multiple reports of a purple/dark red and white/clear fentanyl, causing extreme sedation in the Waterloo Region.
- Individuals report that they “feel fine” but soon lose consciousness, temporarily wake up, speak, and lose consciousness again very quickly. Effects may last for many hours and memory can be affected.
- Opioids like fentanyl are “downers” can increase the risk of overdose.
- Please be careful and stay safe. Use at the Consumption & Treatment Services (CTS) site at 150 Duke Street West (7 days a week, 9am to 9pm, 8:30 last call) or use with someone you trust. Keep naloxone with you and know how to use it.

### **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.

### **GET FREE NALOXONE**

Region of Waterloo Public Health – 519-575-4400

Sanguen Health Centre – 519-603-0223

For other locations in Waterloo Region, click [here](#). Many pharmacies also provide naloxone. Click [here](#) to find a location near you.

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