

OVERDOSE ALERT

Date: October 24th, 2017

POWDERED CARFENTANIL detected in Waterloo Region

- Health Canada has confirmed the presence of powdered Carfentanil in a recent seizure by Waterloo Regional Police Service.
- Powdered Carfentanil can be added to other substances, increasing the risk for overdose.
- Carfentanil is 10,000 times more toxic than morphine.
- Carfentanil can not be detected by sight, smell, or taste.
- Please exercise caution when using any substance.

IF SOMEONE OVERDOSES:

1. **Call 911**
2. **Administer naloxone if an opioid overdose is suspected**
3. **Continue to assist victim until paramedics arrive**
4. **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
- Sanguen Health Centre – 519-603-0223
- To find naloxone at a pharmacy near you visit: Ontario.ca/OpioidOverdose

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