

OVERDOSE ALERT



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Variations of Coloured Fentanyl Causing an Increased Risk of Overdose

- There are reports of several variations of coloured fentanyl causing an increased risk of overdose in Waterloo Region. These batches are dangerous and may be stronger and/or contain substances that cause unexpected adverse reactions.
- Frontline workers are reporting a significant increase in overdoses related to batches of fentanyl of the following colours: green, blue, red, purple, and “multi-coloured”. Many of these batches are reportedly causing heavy sedation and/or require a naloxone response.
- Emergency Services have responded to 28-suspected overdoses throughout Waterloo Region within the past three days (Nov 30th-Dec 2nd). Additionally, staff at the Kitchener CTS have responded to 14-suspected overdoses within the past three days.
- Please be careful and stay safe. Use at the Consumption & Treatment Services (CTS) site at 150 Duke Street West (Open 7 days a week, 9am-9pm, 8:30pm last call) or 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

Naloxone kits are free and available for pickup at locations across Waterloo Region. For pickup at public health or a community partner location, click [here](#) or call 519-575-4400. For other locations in Waterloo Region and across Ontario, click [here](#).

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