



DRUG ALERT



Drug checking has found a **DARK PURPLE** pebbly substance sold as down contaminated with highly toxic levels of fentanyl and benzodiazepines.

Cranbrook, BC

June 17, 2020

There have been recent reports of people passing out for an extended period of time after using a DARK PURPLE pebbly substance. Drug checking has found the substance contaminated with highly toxic levels of fentanyl and benzodiazepines.

For your safety:

- Buddy up when you are using, stay 2 meters (6 ft) from your buddy to remain physically distanced, but remember **using with a buddy is safer than using alone!**
- If you feel you must use while alone, consider using the [Lifeguard app](#) which can connect you with emergency medical dispatchers in the event of an overdose. Download at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- **Get your drugs checked** – see service information below.
- Avoid using different drugs at the same time or using drugs and alcohol together.
- Don't use alone. Leave door unlocked. Tell someone to check on you.
- Test by using a small amount, then go slow.
- Carry a Naloxone kit and know how to use it.
- Talk to your health care provider about accessing a safe supply – for more info: <https://www.bccsu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Poster-Information-for-PWUD.pdf>

Know the signs of overdose and how to respond:

- Recognize the signs of an OD: slow or no breathing, gurgling or gasping, lips/fingertips turning blue, difficult to rouse (awaken), non-responsive.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately. **It is still safe (and important) to use emergency services during the COVID -19 pandemic.**
- Give naloxone (Narcan) if you have it, open airway and give rescue breaths using the THN face mask provided.

Naloxone Kits and Training available at:

- ANKORS, EKASS, IH Public Health & Mental Health Substance Use Locations
- Pharmacies located throughout Cranbrook

Drug Checking Service:

- ANKORS #209 – 16th Ave North Cranbrook 250-426-3383
- EKASS – 250-489-4344
- www.drugchecking.ca



ALERT IN EFFECT UNTIL: June 24, 2020 PLEASE REMOVE AFTER THIS DATE.