



DRUG ALERT



Date Issued: July 17, 2020

Community: **Vernon**

Description of tested substance:

- Purple fentanyl causing prolonged sedation

Sold as: **FENTANYL**

Test result: **METHAMPHETAMINE, Caffeine**

- **Positive fentanyl strip**
- **Indeterminate benzo strip (unknown / unable to read)**

Risk: **OVERDOSE THAT MAY NOT FULLY RESPOND TO NALOXONE**

Sedation with an indeterminate benzo strip is concerning for benzos in this substance.

ODs involving benzos may not fully respond to naloxone.

Continue to give breaths and seek medical attention if naloxone does not work.



Reduce the risk

- **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 or ask someone to check on you.
- If you must use while alone, consider using the [Lifeguard app](#) which can connect you with 911 emergency responders if you overdose. Download at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- When using your substance start with a small amount, and then go slow.
- Use at an Overdose Prevention or Supervised Consumption Site, if one is near you.
- Know how to respond to an overdose - call 911, give rescue breaths and naloxone.

Naloxone Kits and Training available at:

- Cammy LaFleur Street Outreach
- Interior Health MHSU & Public Health
- Turning Points Collaborative

<https://towardtheheart.com/site-finder>

Drug checking is available at:

- Cammy LaFleur Street Outreach
- Downtown MHSU and OPS

www.drugchecking.ca

Overdose Prevention Sites:

Vernon OPS – 3306A 32nd Ave
9am – 3pm Mon-Fri

Alert in effect until: July 24, 2020 – **please remove after this date**