



Interior Health



DRUG ALERT

Penticton

Purple substance sold as DOWN contains medetomidine

Looks Like: Purple Chunks or Pebbles

Sold as: Down, Dope, Fentanyl

- Contains:
- 1-2% medetomidine
 - Fentanyl
 - Bromazolam
 - Caffeine and sugars as buffs

Risk: Very High risk of overdose. Prolonged sedation and overdose symptoms



Medetomidine is a non-opioid drug with effects similar to xylazine. It is up to 200 times stronger than xylazine.

While fentanyl will respond to naloxone, medetomidine will not. This can lead to complicated and long lasting overdose symptoms. Medetomidine suppresses respiration and has potentially dangerous cardiovascular effects.

If you have a drug that looks like this, call or text: 236-422-1601 to get it tested before using.

Consider these additional tips if you are going to use drugs:

- Find drug checking locations at www.drugchecking.ca
- Carry naloxone and know how to use it.
- Be aware of risks if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol.
- Use with others around when possible.
- Start with a small amount and space out your doses.
- Get the LifeGuard App - lifeguarddh.com.
- Call 211 or visit bc211.ca to find services near you.

Alert in effect until April 14, 2025

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Penticton Drug
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