



Drug Advisory - All Regions

Increasing detection of carfentanil in Down

High risk of overdose and fatal overdose.

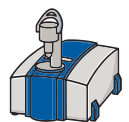
An increase in the detection of carfentanil in Down (opioid) samples in the Interior Health Region has been detected over the past month.

These samples frequently contain benzodiazepines and tranquilizers, in addition to carfentanil. The combination of opioids with these substances amplify the effects of the drugs and significantly heightens the risk of overdose and death.


Carfentanil is up to 100X more potent than fentanyl. Up to 4% concentration of carfentanil has been detected in Down. This is equivalent to a fentanyl concentration of up to 400%.



If you are going to use drugs, get them checked first. Find drug checking locations throughout the Interior at drugchecking.ca



No matter what or how you use (smoking, snorting, injecting) take steps to prevent overdose:

- Be aware of increased risk if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol
- Do not use alone - Use a buddy or OPS service 
- Start with a small amount and space out your doses
- Carry naloxone and know how use it. Several doses may be required.
- Get the LifeGuard App - lifeguardddh.com
- Call 211 or visit bc211.ca to find services near you

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