



DRUG ALERT

Vernon

Xanax tablet contains medetomidine

Looks Like: Xanax branded tablet / bar

Sold as: Xanax / Alprazolam

Contains: Medetomidine (2%) 

Risk: High risk of overdose
Different effects than expected
Low heart rate and blood pressure
Dizziness, immobilization and confusion
Nausea, amnesia, sleepiness, nodding out for a long time



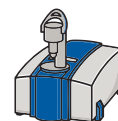
Medetomidine is a very strong tranquilizer—much stronger than xylazine (200x).

It can cause breathing and heart rate to slow down, which makes overdoses more complicated and last longer. Medetomidine is potentially dangerous to the heart.


This counterfeit Xanax tablet does not contain alprazolam or any other benzodiazepine. While illegal tablets most often contain benzos, this one contains medetomidine instead.



Have a tablet that looks like this? Call or text 778 212-8611 to get it tested before using. Drug checking is available in Vernon from 9 to 5 Mon-Fri and 10 to 4 Sat-Sun at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy.



Consider these additional tips if you are going to use drugs

- Find more drug checking locations at www.drugchecking.ca
- Be aware of risks if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol
- Use with others around or at an Overdose Prevention Site
- Start with a small amount and wait before taking more 
- Space out your doses
- Carry naloxone and know how to use it
- Call 211 or visit bc211.ca to find services near you
- Get the LifeGuard App - lifeguardddh.com

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