



DRUG ALERT

Kamloops

DOWN sample contains high amounts of medetomidine and fentanyl

Looks Like: Purple/pink chunks and pebbles

Sold as: Down, Dope, Tranq, Fentanyl

Contains: Medetomidine (16%) 
Fentanyl (29%) 

Risk: High risk of overdose and fatal overdose
Dizziness and confusion
Nausea, amnesia, sleepiness, nodding out for a long time



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

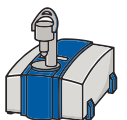
It slows down breathing and heart rate and can make overdoses longer and more complicated. Medetomidine is potentially dangerous to the heart.

The high amount of fentanyl increases risk of fatal overdose. The combination of fentanyl and medetomidine can lead to significant sedation. Overdose symptoms may last beyond administration of naloxone.




If you have a drug that looks like this, get it checked before using. Drug checking is available here:

- ASK Wellness: 250-299-7219 (call/text)
- Interior Health MHSU, 100-235 Lansdowne, Mon-Thurs 8am-6pm, 250-377-6500



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 - lifeguarddh.com

Alert in effect until May 26th 2026

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