



DRUG ALERT

Kelowna

Oxycodone tablets contains medetomidine

Looks Like: Oxycodone 20mg tablet / Percocet

Sold as: Oxycodone / Oxy / Percocet / Percs

Contains: Medetomidine 

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



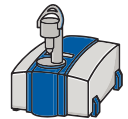
These are counterfeit (fake) tablets sold as oxycodone. They **do not** contain oxycodone.

Medetomidine is a very strong tranquilizer. 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. **It does not respond to naloxone.**


Using illicit tablets is not recommended due to heightened risk of overdose. Be aware of risk of fakes if not purchasing from a pharmacy.



Have a tablet that looks like this? Call or text 250-212-0137 or 250-869-7870 to get it tested before using. Drug checking is available in person 1-9 Mon-Fri at Kelowna Outreach Urban Health SCS.



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

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