



DRUG ALERT

Penticton

DOWN samples containing high amounts of medetomidine and benzodiazepines

Looks Like: All colours - chunks, pebbles, powders

Sold as: Down, Dope, Tranq, Fentanyl

Contains: Medetomidine
Benzodiazepines
Fentanyl and fentanyl analogues

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



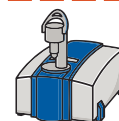
There is an increase in 'down' samples containing both medetomidine and benzodiazepines. Samples show extreme hotspots.

Medetomidine can slow both breathing and heart rate, making overdoses more complex and prolonged. It may also have serious effects on the heart.

The combination of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, benzodiazepine and medetomidine can lead to significant sedation. Sedation may last beyond administration of naloxone.



If you have a drug that looks like this, get it checked before using. Drug checking is available 11am-7pm Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Saturday at ASK Wellness. Call or text 250-328-9619 for more information.



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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