

DRUG ALERT



Kamloops

DOWN samples contain extremely high amounts of fentanyl/fentanyl analogues and/or medetomidine

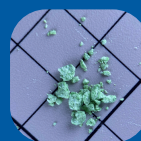
Looks Like: All colours- chunk, pebble, paste, granules

Sold as: Down, Dope, Tranq, Fentanyl

Contains: Medetomidine (10%+) ⚠
Fentanyl (35-50%+) ⚠
Benzodiazepine

Risk:

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



There is an increase in 'down' samples containing both high amounts of fentanyl or fentanyl analogue and/or medetomidine.

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, medetomidine and benzodiazepine 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 here:

- ASK Wellness: 250-318-0559 (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 - lifeguardddh.com

Alert in effect until October 13th 2026

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