



DRUG ALERT

Kootenays

DOWN contains high amounts of fluorofentanyl and medetomidine
Multiple overdoses reported

Looks Like: All colours - chunks, pebbles, powder

Sold as: Down, Dope, Tranq, Fentanyl

Contains: Medetomidine (up to 7%) ⚠️
Fluorofentanyl (up to 50%+) ⚠️
Benzodiazepines

Risk: High risk of overdose and fatal overdose
Dizziness, nausea, amnesia and confusion
Sleepiness, heavy sedation, nodding out for a long time



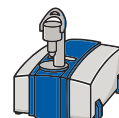
Down has been **increasingly** found to contain **high amounts** of fentanyl/fentanyl analogues and medetomidine, as well as many types of benzodiazepines.

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

The combination of fentanyl/fentanyl analogues, medetomidine and benzodiazepines 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 may be available in your community.
Find out where at drugchecking.ca or by scanning the QR code.



Consider these additional tips if you are going to use drugs

- 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
- Contact Local Substance Use Services at 310-MHSU

Alert in effect until October 26th 2026

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