Drug Alert



Fraser Health Region

Several samples sold as Fentanyl in the **Fraser Health region** tested positive for high levels of **Carfentanil**. These samples varied in color and texture.

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Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times stronger than fentanyl. It is primarily used in veterinary medicine for large animals and is not intended for human use. Naloxone can reverse its effects, but multiple doses may be necessary. Monitor the person's breathing before administering more naloxone.

Friends, family, and community members using unregulated substances may face increased risk of overdose from injection, inhalation, and ingestion.

Tips for safer drug use:

- Explore with service providers options for witnessing consumption (episodic OPS) and local Overdose Prevention Sites
- Stagger use with friends so someone can respond if needed
- If using alone let someone know and ask them to check on you
 - Download the Lifeguard or BeSafe app
 - o Call the National Overdose Response Service: 1-888-688-6677 if no cell data
- Take a small amount, wait and see how it feels
- Mixing substances increases risk of overdose. This includes alcohol and prescription drugs
- Find local harm reduction services www.towardtheheart.com/site-finder
- Get your drugs checked <u>www.fraserhealth.ca/drugchecking</u>
- Carry Naloxone. Visit www.naloxonetraining.com for a training refresher
- Text 'JOIN' to 253787 to receive text alerts



