

# Stimulant Overdose

## Danger/Risks of Stimulant Overdose (Overamping)

### Signs To Watch For

### How To Help

 Overheating or heat stroke	Excessive sweating, headache, skin that is red/hot or cold/pale. Dizziness, nausea/vomiting, confusion.	Cool down with wet towels, fans, ice packs, cold water, or suck on ice. <b>CALL 911</b> if signs last for more than an hour.
 Heart attack, stroke, or seizure	Racing heart rate, slurred speech, chest pain, confusion, inability to walk or move, numb limbs, shaking, headache, can't wake.	<b>CALL 911</b> right away if you see or feel any of these signs.
 Breathing slows or stops	Slow or no breathing, snoring, gurgling sound, blue or gray skin or lips, unresponsive.	<b>CALL 911</b> , try to wake them, give Narcan, give rescue breaths if they are not breathing.

### Causes of stimulant overdose:

- Using too much
- Staying high too long
- Malnutrition & dehydration
- Using stimulants with opioids (ex. heroin or fentanyl, benzodiazepines or alcohol)
- Using drugs or being high alone (absent from help)

When someone is in crisis, they may feel strong paranoia, agitation, depression, or fear. They may see, feel or hear things that are not real.

If you think someone might hurt themselves or someone else,



- Tell 911 operator that a person is having a **mental health crisis**.
- Describe what they are doing (example: walking into traffic, talking about suicide, hurting someone, etc.).
- If this has happened before, tell operator what response worked in the past.
- You do not need to mention drugs.
- Operator may ask if they have a weapon.