# Do You Use Drugs? Reading This Could Save Your Life!

## WARNING: Drug Poisoning Alert EXTENDED in Peterborough Region

**February 14, 2024** - Peterborough Public Health is issuing an alert following a trigger of the Early Warning Surveillance System (EWSS). Details on this event are below:

#### Context:

| Date                          | Situation  | Presumed Substance   |
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| Saturday, February 10, 2024   | 8 drug-poisonings resulting in EMS calls and ED visits | Orange and Green - reports of sedative effects. *  |
| Sunday, February 11,<br>2024  | 6 drug-poisonings resulting in EMS calls and ED visits |  |
| Tuesday, February 13,<br>2024 | 5 drug-poisonings resulting in EMS calls and ED visits | White/Beige - being sold as 'down' - testing confirmed presence of benzos (sedative)* and fentanyl |

<sup>\*</sup>REMINDER - sedatives CANNOT be reversed with naloxone

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Drug Checking:
  - Available at Consumption & Treatment Site (CTS) 220 Simcoe St. February 17, 21, 22, 23: 9:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
  - Test strips for fentanyl, benzos, and xylazine are available at the CTS during hours of operation (9:30 a.m. –
     9:00 p.m.; daily)
- Harm Reduction Support:
  - Consumption & Treatment Site (CTS) 220 Simcoe St. Open 9:30 a.m. 9:00 p.m.; daily
  - National Overdose Response Service 1-888-688-6677(NORS)
  - Krasman Centre Warm Line & Peer Crisis Support Services 1-888-777-0979
    - krasmancentre.com/what-we-do/warm-line-peer-crisis-support/; Available 10:00 a.m.-Midnight
- Crisis Support:
  - 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline Call or text 9-8-8; National 24/7 suicide or emotional distress hotline
  - Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough call 705-745-2273; Open 24/7
- Find Naloxone:
  - ALWAYS carry multiple naloxone kits. Learn where to get a Naloxone kit at <u>Ontario.ca/page/where-to-get-a-free-naloxone-kit</u>

### If you need help or have questions:



705-743-1000 www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca

To get naloxone contact:

Peterborough Public Health... 705-743-1000 PARN... 705-749-9110

FourCAST... 705-876-1292

The Elizabeth Fry Society... 705-749-6809

360 Clinic... 705-874-3900

Canadian Mental Health Association... 705-748-6711

Curve Lake Health Centre... 705-657-2557

Pharmacies & Other... ontario.ca/naloxone

To seek professional help for drug and alcohol use contact:

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic

432 George Street North, Peterborough (Co-located with the George Street Pharmacy). Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 – 11 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Phone: 705-749-9708