



Interior Health



# DRUG ADVISORY

## Vernon

### Increase of xylazine found in down



Looks Like: Beige / off-white chunks and powder

Sold as: Down, Dope, Fentanyl

Contains: Fentanyl or fentanyl analogue, Xylazine, Benzodiazepines

Risk: High risk of overdose  
Amnesia, sleepiness, nodding out for a long time  
Overdose may not respond to naloxone  
Long term use carries heightened risks

In effect until: April 25th 2024

**Check your  
drugs before  
using!**

Xylazine use is associated with abscesses and other skin ulcerations that do not heal on their own, often becoming infected and complicated.

Current harm reduction advice for drugs containing xylazine is to use as little as possible with caution.

#### Consider these additional tips if you are going to use drugs

- Find drug checking locations at [www.drugchecking.ca](http://www.drugchecking.ca)
- Be aware that xylazine and benzodiazepine induced sedation is not reversible by naloxone
- Be aware of risks if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol
- Use with others around or at an Overdose Prevention Site if available in your community
- Start with a small amount and space out your doses
- Carry naloxone and know how to use it
- Get the LifeGuard App - [lifeguarddh.com](http://lifeguarddh.com)
- Call 211 or visit [bc211.ca](http://bc211.ca) to find services near you