



# DRUG ALERT

## Penticton

Purple substance sold as DOWN contains medetomidine



Looks Like:	Purple Chunks or Pebbles
Sold as:	Down, Dope, Pants, Fentanyl
Contains:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1% medetomidine ⚠️</li><li>• 9% Fentanyl</li><li>• Caffeine and sugars as buffs</li></ul>
Risk:	High risk of overdose Prolonged sedation and overdose symptoms
In effect until:	December 20th 2024

Local  
Substance Use Services  
310-MHSU

Penticton Drug Checking  
236-422-1601

Medetomidine is a non-opioid drug with effects similar to xylazine. It is up to 200 times stronger than xylazine.

While fentanyl will respond to naloxone, medetomidine will not. This can lead to complicated and long lasting overdose symptoms. Medetomidine suppresses respiration and has potentially dangerous cardiovascular effects.

If you have a drug that looks like this, call or text: 236-422-1601 to get it tested before using.

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

- Find drug checking locations at [www.drugchecking.ca](http://www.drugchecking.ca) ←
- Carry naloxone and know how to use it.
- Be aware of risks if mixing with other drugs, including alcohol.
- Use with others around when possible.
- Start with a small amount and space out your doses.
- Get the LifeGuard App - [lifeguarddh.com](http://lifeguarddh.com).
- Call 211 or visit [bc211.ca](http://bc211.ca) to find services near you.