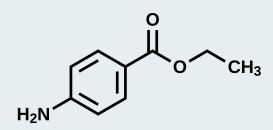


# DRUG INFORMATION: BENZOCAINE



# WHAT IS IT?



A numbing agent in some over-the-counter products (like cough drops, Orajel). Sometimes used to cut cocaine to add weight and mimic its numbing effect, making it seem like there's more drug than there is.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Dealers use benzocaine because it's cheap and increases their profits. You will not know of your drugs contains benzocaine unless its tested.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Misuse of benzocaine can reduce blood flow and cause serious harm:

- Snorting: sores in nasal passages
- Injecting: large sores at site
- Swallowing: organ failure, possible death
- Long-term use: narrowed blood vessels, stroke, nerve damage

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON BENZOCAINE?**

Benzocaine alone won't cause overdose, but increases risk when mixed with other drugs.

Tips for staying safe:

- Do not use alone!
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone in case of drug crosscontamination!



# BENZODIAZEPINE

**BENZOS** 



# WHAT IS IT?

Benzodiazepines (like Xanax or Ativan) are prescription medications for sleep problems, seizures, and anxiety. They are used less often due to high addiction and overdose risks, and should only be taken unless prescribed and under a doctor's supervision.



## **CUTTING AGENT**

Commonly added to opioids or fake pills to boost sedative effects.



### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Potent — even small amounts can cause overdose:

- Very slow or stopped breathing
- Cold, pale, or blue skin/lips
- Unconsciousness
- Snoring/gurgling sounds

Naloxone doesn't reverse pure benzo overdoses but may help if opioids are present.

# CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON BENZOS?

**YES!** Since it is not an opioid, <u>Naloxone **will not** work!</u> Call 911 or emergency services immediately.

Tips for staying safe:

- Know the symptoms and signs of an overdose!
- Do not use alone!
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station!
- ALWAYS Carry Naloxone in case of drug crosscontamination!



# DRUG INFORMATION: CAFFEINE





# WHAT IS IT?

Caffeine is a stimulant drug found in coffee and energy drinks. In powder form, it looks like cocaine (white powder) and has a bitter taste.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Caffeine is commonly used to cut cocaine, amphetamines, and sometimes opioids. It is inexpensive and used to bulk up products.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

High doses of caffeine in street drugs can cause:

- Fast heartbeat
- Anxiety or panic attacks
- Tremors/shaking
- Insomnia
- Increased risk of heart problems, especially when combined with other stimulants or opioids

# CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON CAFFINE?

**YES!** Caffeine is a stimulant that can be abused and cause overdose, especially in pure or cut forms. Symptoms mimic a stimulant overdose: rapid heartbeat, sweating, anxiety, chest pain, dizziness, seizures, and in extreme cases, death.

Tips for staying safe:

- Recognize caffeine risks, especially when mixed with drugs/alcohol
- Learn overdose signs
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone
- Do not use alone!



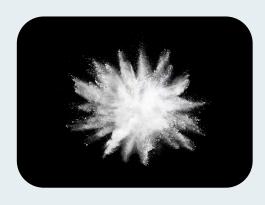
# DRUG INFORMATION: CARFENTANIL





# WHAT IS IT?

Carfentanil is a powerful opioid used in veterinary medicine to sedate large animals like elephants. It's not safe for humans. In powder form, it's white, odorless, and tasteless—undetectable without testing.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Dealers mix carfentanil into opioids (like fentanyl or heroin) to boost potency. Even tiny amounts are fatal. It's cheap and easier to access, making it a common cutting agent.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Carfentanil is **100 times stronger** than fentanyl and **10,000 times stronger** than morphine. Risks include:

- Overdose from very small amounts
- Very slow or no breathing
- Unconsciousness
- Death

# CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON CARFENTANIL?

**YES!** It is a very potent opioid, multiple doses of Naloxone will likely be required to reverse an OD.

Tips for staying safe:

- Overdoses can happen instantly
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose
- Never use alone!
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone
- Start low, go slow—assume contamination



# COCAINE





# WHAT IS IT?

Cocaine is a stimulant drug made from the leaves of the coca plant (mainly grown in South America). It is a white, powdery substance with a bitter taste. Cocaine is often cut with dangerous additives and is very rarely "pure".



# **HOW IT'S USED**

Cocaine is usually snorted, but it can also be smoked (crack) or injected. It produces a short-lived high with increased energy, alertness, and confidence — but also carries serious risks.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Cocaine use can cause increased heart rate and blood pressure, anxiety, paranoia, panic attacks, heart attacks, strokes, and risk of overdose (especially when mixed with opioids or alcohol), as well as nasal damage from snorting or large wounds from injecting.

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON COCAINE?**

**YES!** You can suffer a stimulant overdose or an overdose from the substances that are cut into the cocaine. **Signs of a stimulant overdose occurring:** 

- Increased heart rate/irregular heartbeat
- Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, and disorientation
- Stroke, heart attack, seizure, and death

#### Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Avoid mixing with other substances, especially opioids or alcohol.
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone it won't reverse a cocaine overdose, but it can help if opioids are also present
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose



# **MSM** (METHYLSULFONYLMETHANE)







# WHAT IS IT?

MSM is an OTC medication found in the dietary supplement section, often used to treat arthritis. In powder form, it is white and odorless.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

MSM is a very common and inexpensive cutting agent that dealers use to add weight to their product without changing its appearance, and it is often used to bulk up methamphetamine, opioids such as fentanyl, down, or pressed pills, as well as cocaine and crack.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

MSM itself isn't highly toxic, but it raises overdose risk by making doses unpredictable, can damage lungs or blood vessels when inhaled or injected, may cause itching, stomach upset, or even bladder and bowel paralysis with overuse, and usually means the drug is heavily cut and less reliable.

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON MSM?**

You can't overdose on MSM alone, but it raises the risk of overdose from the drugs it's mixed with.

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Be cautious it makes doses unpredictable and can lead to overuse.
- Start low, go slow.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose.



# XYLAZINE





# WHAT IS IT?

Xylazine is anesthetic and sedative for large animals (like cattle and horses). It is not approved for human use — it is meant for veterinary medicine only.

Xylazine is an **extremely potent** substance. It has very strong sedative effects in humans, even at small doses. It is considered **VERY** dangerous.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Xylazine is a cheap cutting agent in opioids like fentanyl or heroin, used to boost sedation and stretch supply. A key sign is severe, fast-spreading wounds on the arms or legs, as it acts almost like an acid on the skin.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Xylazine can cause deep sedation or unconsciousness, slow or stopped breathing, very low blood pressure and heart rate, severe skin ulcers and wounds (even without injection), a higher risk of fatal overdose when mixed with opioids, and serious long-term health problems.

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON XYLAZINE?**

**YES!** Xylazine overdose symptoms resemble an opioid overdose: Slow or stopped breathing, cold, pale, or blue skin, unconsciousness.

**Important:** Xylazine **cannot be reversed with Naloxone** — but Naloxone should still be used to reverse the opioid effects if present. Emergency medical help is always required.

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone it won't reverse but can help with opioids.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose.



# PHENACETIN





# WHAT IS IT?

Phenacetin is a pain reliever and fever reducer (no longer approved for medical use due to health risks). It is now commonly used in hair dyes. In street drugs, it appears as a white, crystalline powder that looks like sugar.



## **CUTTING AGENT**

Phenacetin is used to cut street drugs, especially cocaine, stimulants like Vyvanse, Adderall, and Concerta, and opioids. It mixes easily, is hard to detect without testing, and its numbing effects can make drugs feel stronger or more "pure," misleading users.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Phenacetin decreases pain, lowers body temperature, and causes temporary numbing. It was banned in Canada in 1973 for causing liver and kidney damage and cancer. Repeated use can lead to kidney failure, bladder cancer, blood disorders, and makes street drugs more unpredictable by masking the amount of active drug.

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON PHENACETIN?**

You can't overdose on phenacetin alone, but it increases the risks of overdose and long-term damage when combined with other substances.

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Be aware that phenacetin can cause serious health problems, even from occasional use.
- ALWAYS Carry Naloxone
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose



# **FENTANYL**

FENT, FENTY, DOWN, DIZZY, DOPE



# WHAT IS IT?

Fentanyl is a **powerful synthetic opioid** pain reliever, originally used in medical settings for severe pain such as cancer. It is **50 to 100 times stronger than morphine**. The risk of overdose is <u>extremely high</u>.



# **HOW IT'S FOUND**

Illicit fentanyl is often found as: Tablets or fake prescription pills, powder, liquid, patches It is often mixed with other drugs (like heroin, cocaine, meth) — sometimes without the user knowing.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Extremely high risk of overdose, even from **very small amounts, v**ery fast onset of overdose symptoms, mixing fentanyl with other drugs (even unknowingly) greatly increases the danger

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON FENTANYL?**

**YES!** Fentanyl overdose can happen very quickly and may require multiple doses of Naloxone. **Symptoms Include:** 

- Very slow or stopped breathing
- Cold, clammy skin
- Pale or blue lips and fingertips
- Unconsciousness
- Gurgling or snoring sounds

#### Tips for staying safe:

- ALWAYS carry Naloxone and know how to use it.
- Never use alone!
- Start low, go slow.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose.



# **HEROIN**

H, SMACK, CHINA WHITE, SNOW, DOPE



# WHAT IS IT?

Heroin is an **illegal opioid** made from morphine, and it is **highly addictive** and very dangerous. Street heroin rarely contains pure heroin and is almost always contaminated with substances like fentanyl and xylazine, which greatly increase the risk of overdose.



# **HOW IT'S FOUND**

May appear as sticky gum substance or dry and grainy. It can be white or brown. It has a bitter taste like cocaine.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Heroin is usually injected, smoked, or snorted. It carries:

- Very high risk of addiction
- Increased overdose risk, especially from contamination
- Severe withdrawal symptoms
- Serious infections from injecting (skin, heart, blood)

# **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON HEROIN?**

**YES!** Since it is a potent opioid, Naloxone will be required to reverse an overdose. **Know the signs of an opioid overdose:** 

- Shallow or inadequate breathing
- Pale colour, blue lips and extremities, limp body, small pupils
- Unable to wake, appears sedated, & no response to physical stimuli
- ·Snoring or gurgling sounds

#### Tips for staying safe:

- ALWAYS carry Naloxone and know how to use it.
- Never use alone have someone nearby who can help.
- Start low, go slow.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose



# ISOTONITAZENE

ISO, ICY



## WHAT IS IT?

Isotonitazene is a synthetic opioid that is **very potent** — even stronger than fentanyl. It is **not approved for medical use** and is made in illegally in labs.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Isotonitazene, a "designer drug," may appear off-white, yellow, or brown. It can be inhaled, injected, or taken as a pill, and dealers use it to boost opioid effects or replace fentanyl in street drugs, often sold in substances like "Down."



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

- Extremely high risk of overdose small amounts can be fatal
- Overdose symptoms can appear very quickly
- Hard to detect users often do not know it is present

## **CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON XYLAZINE?**

**YES!** Since it is a potent opioid, Naloxone will be required to reverse an overdose. **Know the signs an overdose is occurring:** 

- Very slow or stopped breathing
- Cold, clammy skin
- Blue lips or fingertips
- Unconsciousness or difficulty in waking up, appears sedated, & no response to
- physical stimuli

#### Tips for staying safe:

- Do not use alone!
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose
- ALWAYS Carry Naloxone



# **METHAMPHETAMINE**

METH, JIB, SPEED, CRANK, ICE, TINA



# WHAT IS IT?

Methamphetamine ("meth") is an **illegal and highly** addictive stimulant. It comes as a powder or crystal form "crystal meth".



# **CUTTING AGENT**

- Cheaper than cocaine sometimes sold or used in place of cocaine.
- Increasingly found as a **contaminant in other drugs**, especially stimulants and opioids. Users may unknowingly consume meth.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Meth is often smoked, snorted, swallowed, or injected. Risks include: increased heart rate and blood pressure, extreme anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations, violent behaviour, severe dental problems ("meth mouth"), skin sores from picking, high risk of addiction, and long-term brain damage.

## CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON METHAMPHETAMINE?

**YES!** Meth can lead to stimulant overdose and can cause permanent changes to your brain. **Meth overdose can cause:** 

- Heart attack or stroke
- Seizures
- Extreme overheating (hyperthermia)
- Death

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Stay hydrated and take breaks
- ALWAYS carry Naloxone.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose.



# **MANNITOL**





# WHAT IS IT?

Mannitol is a low calorie artificial sweetener and a diuretic medication (helps the body get rid of excess water). In medical settings, it is used to reduce swelling in the brain or from the kidneys, lungs, or liver.



# **CUTTING AGENT IN...**

Mannitol mixed with fentanyl in a 1:10 ratio is sold as "China white," a heroin substitute also found in cocaine, meth, and pressed pills. Dealers use mannitol because it's cheap, looks like sugar, and adds bulk without effects.



### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Snorting or injecting large amounts of mannitol can cause dehydration, heart and kidney problems, damage tissues and blood vessels, and make drugs more unpredictable by masking how much active substance you're taking.

# CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON MANNITOL?

You cannot overdose on mannitol alone, but it increases the risk of overdose on the drug it is mixed with.

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Stay hydrated mannitol can cause dehydration.
- Be cautious with injected or snorted drugs cutting agents like mannitol can cause harm this way.
- Seek urgent help from the Nurses Station or emergency services if you suspect an overdose



# **LEVAMISOLE**





## WHAT IS IT?

Levamisole is a veterinary drug: an anti-parasitic used to treat animals with parasites (de-wormer). It comes in a white powder form, similar to cocaine, and is inexpensive.



# **CUTTING AGENT**

Levamisole is often used to cut Cocaine/ crack and other stimulants. It is cheap and looks like cocaine, which is why dealers use it to bulk up product.



#### **DANGERS OF OVERUSE & MISUSE**

Levamisole can seriously damage the immune system — reducing your ability to fight off infections, can cause skin necrosis (rotting skin) on the ears, nose, and extremities, and adds to the risks and unpredictability of street drugs.

# CAN I OVERDOSE (OD) ON MANNITOL?

You cannot overdose on levamisole alone, but its effects on the immune system and blood vessels can cause **long-term, life-threatening damage** — even after small exposures.

Tips for staying safe:

- Never use alone!
- Be aware of skin problems and signs of infection if you use.
- Know that even occasional use of levamisolecontaminated drugs can cause lasting harm.