



Drug Alert

Unsafe drug supply increased overdoses

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What is it? Increases in overdoses that respond to Naloxone

Sold as/in: Unknown but the substance is light green in colour

Risk: Overdose symptoms similar to opioids. Naloxone does work and should still be used because other drugs may be mixed with opioids.

Side Effects: Deep sleep or unconsciousness, slowed or no heart rate, slowed or no breathing, very small pupils

What does an overdose look like?

- Deep Sleep
- Unconsciousness
- Slowed or no heart rate and/or breathing
- Pinpoint pupils
- Choking or gurgling
- Cold clammy skin
- Blue-purple lips and nails
- Going limp

Ways to stay safe

Try not to use alone

- Buddy up with someone you trust.
- Don't use at the same time. Make sure the other person is okay before you use.

Carry Naloxone and know how to use it

- Visit Northwestern Health Unit for a kit & refresher on how to save a life.
- If you think someone is overdosing, give Naloxone!

If you must use alone, have a safety plan

- Get someone to check on you in person or by phone.
- Download the lifeguard app - it could save your life!
- Call NORS before you use 1-888-688-NORS (6677).

See a health care provider if:

- you have a wound - left untreated, it could lead to amputation.
- you need to talk about an overdose or other experience.
- you need other health care.

Call 911 if you think someone is overdosing!

Call Northwestern Health Unit for more information:

Kenora OPP reported an increase in overdoses in the last 48 hours in the Kenora area, with 1 fatality.