

DRUG ALERT

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Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has received information related to an increase in drug related deaths.

There appears to be a deadly substance circulating in the local unregulated supply of drugs in Barrie and surrounding area. The risk of death may extend to those using substances not believed to be fentanyl.

Details of the substance are not available at this time, however from Toronto Drug Checking Services, we know that carfentanil continues to be found in drug samples checked by them.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Carry and know how to use Naloxone.
- Use your drugs with a friend who can respond with Naloxone if needed.
- Use in a safe space with people you trust. You could be unconscious for a long time.
- If alone, call or text the National Overdose Response Line 1-888-688- 6677 or have a friend check in on you.
- Start low and go slow!
- Use only one substance at a time.
- If someone you are with experiences an overdose call 911.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF A DRUG POISONING

- Person can't be woken up and breathing is slow or has stopped.
- Person is making snoring or gurgling sounds.
- Fingernails and lips have turned blue, purple or grey.
- Body is limp.
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back.

