

Toxic Drug Alert



Issued for Prince George, BC

For Immediate Release

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There has been an increase in overdoses in **Prince George** linked to brown sugar granules. Drug checking services indicated high levels of fentanyl (30%) and benzodiazepine (5-10%). Reportedly, it has been causing people to black out and behave unusually, consistent with benzodiazepine effects. Both fentanyl and benzodiazepine test strips have shown positive results.

Take care, drugs move throughout the north, please share this alert widely.

We have included safety recommendations below.

For your safety

- Get overdose prevention, recognition, and response training; carry naloxone
- Try not to use alone. Make a plan and tell a buddy who can call for help if needed
- If you plan to use alone, use the Lifeguard or BeSafe app available free on the app store or on Toward the Heart website (<https://towardtheheart.com>)
- Know your tolerance. If you are sick or had a time of abstinence or reduced use, use much less
- When possible, avoid mixing drugs or mixing drugs with alcohol
- Test a small amount first, start low and go slow
- Use in an Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) if possible (see Prince George locations listed below)
- **Get your drugs checked at Two Doors Down** (Drug checking hours: 6 days a week, 11 am to 6 pm Wednesday to Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday; Appointments can be made outside these hours by texting or calling 250-301-3285)
- Call 911 or your local emergency number right away if someone overdoses

Local Overdose Prevention Sites (OPS)

Two Doors Down 1126 3rd Ave Prince George BC

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 7 am to 11 am & 6 pm to 10 pm

Northern Health Needle Exchange & Harm Reduction Clinic
[Overdose Prevention Site (OPS) /AIDS Prevention Program (APP)]

277 George St, Prince George, BC. **Hours:** Monday – Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm

Alert Expires

May 29, 2023



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