

XYLAZINE

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WHAT IS XYLAZINE?

xylazine is a cutting agent making its way into the drug supply. This increases risk of overdose, sedation, and harder to clean wounds.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...



You experience fever or chills, skin turns dark or black, skin is red or hot to touch, thick yellow/green drainage, pain or decreased mobility of joint.

WHAT DO XYLAZINE WOUNDS LOOK LIKE?

xylazine wounds can appear in different ways such as:

small scab, large ulcers, blisters, and dark pieces of dead tissues



xylazine wounds can appear anywhere not just at the injection site

OVERDOSES INVOLVING XYLAZINE

Xylazine can be mixed with opioids like fentanyl, increasing the risk of overdose.

HELPFUL TIPS



People experiencing an overdose may be unconscious or unarousable even after getting naloxone.

Naloxone helps restore breathing. Once administered, the person could experience opioid withdrawal symptoms.

!!! THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR !!!

When xylazine is mixed with other drugs it can vary in color and texture

Similar to opioids it can be swallowed, inhaled, smoked, snorted, or injected.

The only way to know for sure if there is xylazine in the drug is by testing it. The best way is by using xylazine test strips, you can find at your local harm reduction organization.

What to do in the case of an overdose



Call for nearby help. Check pulse/breathing and if no pulse start compressions.



If breathing is slow or shallow, give naloxone and roll onto side.



Give rescue breaths once every five seconds. Use face shield if available.



If person is breathing, turn on side. Be vigilant in watching for return of symptoms, as the naloxone wears off, including difficulty breathing.



Keep checking breathing and pulse, call 911.

Avoid using alone and always have naloxone available

