

December 7, 2016 Alert:

Drugs Containing Carfentanil Found in Toronto

The Toronto Police Service reports that a recent seizure of cocaine – sold as heroin – contained carfentanil. Carfentanil has been linked to deaths in western Canada and in the U.S. Tiny doses of carfentanil can be potentially lethal. It may be 10,000 times stronger than morphine.

Advice for people using opiates:

- Always use with someone else.
- If you do have to use alone, tell someone where you are. Ask them to check on you.
- Use very slowly, in tiny doses.
- Get naloxone. It can reverse an overdose. Call The Works at 416-392-0520 for a kit and training, or you can call 1-800-565-8603 for a list of pharmacies where you can get free naloxone.

Some symptoms of an opioid overdose:

- Person can't be woken up/ body is limp
- Breathing is very slow, erratic, or has stopped
- Deep snoring, or gurgling sounds
- Lips and/or fingernails are blue or purple.

In an overdose situation get help immediately:

Call 911. Give naloxone. Stay with the person.

It is essential that all overdoses get medical attention!



To report an overdose or any other bad reaction to illegal drugs, go to ReportBadDrugsTO.ca. Your report will be anonymous.

