

Drug Alert for Huron and Perth Counties

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There's been a recent increase in drug toxicity events (e.g., overdose) across Ontario.

Last week, Toronto reported that a highly potent animal tranquilizer medetomidine/dexmedetomidine was found in its unregulated drug supply for the first time.

Xylazine, an animal tranquilizer, has recently been confirmed in Huron Perth drug supply.

If you use substances use extreme caution, as the unregulated drug supply may be stronger than usual.

Safety Messaging:

- **Don't use alone**
- **Carry naloxone**
- **Start slow with a test dose**
- **In overdose situations, call 911 and stay with the person until emergency services arrive**
- **Connect to services: treatment / medicine for people with opioid use disorder**

Free naloxone kits are available across Huron and Perth at:
Pharmacies, CMHA and Huron Perth Public Health

To find a naloxone kit near you visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/where-get-free-naloxone-kit>



Contacts for additional supports:

- CMHA Huron Perth - Addiction & Mental Health Services
 - 519-271-6819 | 1-888-261-9350 (Toll Free)
- National Overdose Response Service (NORS) - 1-888-688-6677
- Huron Perth Crisis line (HPHA) - 1-888-829-7484

Please remove this notice by February 23, 2024 as the illicit drug supply changes constantly.