

Do You Use Drugs?

Reading This Could Save Your Life!

WARNING: Suspected Poisoning Deaths in Peterborough: June 3, 2020

Local agencies report 2 more suspected drug related deaths in the community in the last 24 hours. This is the second spike within a week; 3 deaths occurred previously over May 25-26. This brings the total to 17 suspected drug-related deaths in 2020 so far. The substance causing these poisonings is not yet confirmed, however, there are reports of a blue and purple opioid product that is suspected to primarily contain fentanyl.

This serves as an important reminder that ANY street drug may be cut or mixed with toxic substances. Beware that even a small amount of drug can cause a fatal poisoning.

What to do:

- If possible, DON'T USE DRUGS ALONE.
- If you use with a friend, do not use at the exact same time
- If you're alone, have a plan – ask someone to check on you or call the OD Prevention Line 1-888-853-8542
- Carry a naloxone kit, keep it visible and close to you
- Avoid mixing drugs
- Test your drug by using a small amount first

Under Canada's Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, if you seek medical help for yourself or for someone else who has overdosed, YOU WILL NOT be charged for possessing or using drugs for your own use.

Signs of POISONING:



Skin feels cold and clammy



Fingernails or lips are blue or purple



Body is very limp



Can't wake the person up



Deep snoring or gurgling sounds



Breathing is very slow, erratic or has stopped



Pupils are very small

See an overdose?
Call 911.
Give naloxone.
Stay with the person.

If you need help or have questions:



**Peterborough
Public Health**

705-743-1000, ext. 364
www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca

To get naloxone contact:

Peterborough Public Health... 705-743-1000

PARN... 705-749-9110

FourCAST... 705-876-1292

360 Clinic... 705-874-3900

Canadian Mental Health Association... 705-748-6711

One Roof Community Centre... 705-874-1812

Curve Lake Health Centre... 705-657-2557

Hiawatha First Nation L.I.F.E. Services Centre... 705-295-4421

Participating Pharmacies... www.ontario.ca/naloxone

To seek professional help for drug and alcohol use contact:

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic

159 King Street, Suite 302, Peterborough

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 – 11 a.m., Phone: 705-749-9708; Walk-ins welcome!