

WARNING

Extremely Dangerous synthetic opioids may be in circulation

In the past couple of weeks there has been an unusually high number of overdoses (with some deaths) in people who use drugs, primarily heroin, in some parts of the country.

Tests have shown that some batches of heroin have been adulterated with extremely dangerous synthetic opioids called

‘Nitazenes’

‘Nitazenes’ can be at least as potent as **fentanyl** and may be 100s of times more potent than **heroin**.

‘Nitazenes’ have also been found in drugs sold as **Oxycodone** pills and **Alprazolam** (Xanax) powder.

**Naloxone is an ‘antidote’ to an opioid overdose.
Naloxone works on isotonitazene and other ‘Nitazenes’**

- **Don’t use alone.**
- Using diazepam or pregabalin at the same time increases the risk
- Make sure you have a supply of **naloxone**
- Watch out for **signs of an overdose** in friends
- Have **naloxone** handy and be prepared to use it - you may have to use more than one dose
- **Ring for an ambulance** if somebody overdoses
- Avoid Oxycodone pills and Alprazolam powder

Ask at your drug service, pharmacy or doctor for information about **Naloxone**.
Your local drug service can also offer rapid access to opioid medication treatment

