

KNOW THE NEW RISK

MEDETOMIDINE

A DANGEROUS NEW EMERGING DRUG

Medetomidine is a powerful veterinary sedative that is showing up in street drugs. It can cause severe sedation, low heart rate, low blood pressure, and breathing problems.

You can't see it, taste it, or smell it—but it can stop your breathing.

You don't know what's in the drug.
Always use naloxone. It could save a life.



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WHAT IS MEDETOMIDINE?

Medetomidine is a potent sedative used on animals. It is not approved for human use. Even a very small amount can cause serious health problems or death. It is often mixed into other drugs without any way to detect it.



WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

- Very potent—even tiny amounts can be dangerous
- Causes severe sedation, slow heart rate, low blood pressure, and shallow breathing
- High risk of overdose and death
- No test strips can reliably detect it



SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

- Hard to wake up or unresponsiveness
- Very slow or shallow breathing
- Slow heart rate
- Cold or clammy skin
- Pinpoint pupils
- Low blood pressure

**CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.
NALOXONE CAN SAVE A LIFE.**

****Naloxone does NOT reverse the effects of medetomidine. But always use it—you never know what's in the drug. Better to be safe than sorry.****

WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS



DON'T USE ALONE

Having someone with you could save your life. If you can't have someone with you, use a drug checking service if available.



CARRY NALOXONE

Even though naloxone does not reverse medetomidine, always carry it and use it in an overdose. Unknown drugs can contain opioids.



START LOW, GO SLOW

If you do use, start with a very small amount. What you're using may be stronger than you think.



ASK QUESTIONS, SAVE LIVES

Don't be afraid to talk to trusted friends or harm reduction workers. There are no dumb questions.



STAY INFORMED, STAY CONNECTED

Things change fast. Stay up to date and check in with your community.



KEY MESSAGE

**LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.
START THE CONVERSATION. STAY CONNECTED.**

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ACT.
PREVENT.**



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