



Do You Use Drugs?

Reading This Could Save Your Life!

WARNING: Drug Poisoning ALERT in Peterborough Region

May 16, 2025 - Peterborough Public Health is issuing an alert following reports from community partners. Details on this event are below:

Purple Substance Being Sold as Fentanyl:

- Causing seizure-like affects, paranoia, loss of movement
- Preliminary testing (test strips) positive for fentanyl and benzos
- Reported to have “funny” aftertaste



Use naloxone if you suspect a drug poisoning! Naloxone will work on the effects of fentanyl, but not tranquilizers or sedatives! If both substances are present during a poisoning, naloxone can restore breathing, but the person may continue to experience sedative effects of other substances. **Sedatives may cause long blackout periods, drowsiness, low heartrate and/or blood pressure, and comas.** This substance will be sent for further testing; updates will be provided, as available.

ACTIONS:

Drug Checking Offered at the CTS (220 Simcoe St):

- Test strips (fentanyl/benzo/xylazine), during hours of operation

Harm Reduction Support:

- Consumption & Treatment Site (CTS) – 220 Simcoe St.
- National Overdose Response Service – 1-888-688-6677(NORS)
- Krasman Centre - Warm Line & Peer Crisis Support Services – 1-888-777-0979
 - krasmancentre.com/what-we-do/warm-line-peer-crisis-support/; Available 10:00 a.m.-Midnight

Crisis Support:

- 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline - Call or text 9-8-8; National 24/7 suicide or emotional distress hotline
- Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough – call 705-745-2273; Open 24/7

Find Naloxone:

- ALWAYS carry multiple naloxone kits. Find kits: [Ontario.ca/page/where-get-free-naloxone-kit](https://ontario.ca/page/where-get-free-naloxone-kit)

If you need help or have questions:



**Peterborough
Public Health**

705-743-1000

peterboroughpublichealth.ca

To get naloxone contact:

PARN... 705-749-9110

FourCAST... 705-876-1292

The Elizabeth Fry Society... 705-749-6809

360 Clinic... 705-874-3900

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

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

Pharmacies & Other... ontario.ca/naloxone

To seek professional help for drug and alcohol use contact:

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic, 432 George Street North

Open: Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 – 11 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 705-749-9708