

DRUG ALERT



 Interior Health

West Kootenay

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There is an ongoing trend of both carfentanil and flualprazolam in the illicit supply of down (fentanyl) in the region. Most recently results from the Nelson area.

Risk

- *The combination of carfentanil and flualprazolam greatly increases overdose risk.*
- **Carfentanil** is an opioid that is **100 times stronger than fentanyl** and carries a high risk of overdose.
- **Flualprazolam is a benzodiazepine (benzo) that is more potent and longer lasting than other benzos.** Benzos may cause heavy and long lasting sedation, loss of consciousness, and drowsiness.
- Naloxone will work to reverse Carfentanil overdose **BUT** does not reverse benzodiazapines. People may remain unconscious for extended periods.

In effect until: January 15 2022

No matter what or how you use (smoking, snorting, injecting) take steps to prevent overdose:

- Get your drugs checked – find locations at drugchecking.ca
- Avoid mixing.
- Use with others around or at an Overdose Prevention Site (OPS).
- Start with a small amount.
- Carry naloxone and know how use it.
- Get the LifeGuard App - lifeguardh.com
- Call 211 or visit bc211.ca to find services near you

More information and drug checking results at www.drugchecking.ca