

Drug Alert for Huron and Perth Counties

Suspected fentanyl overdose deaths

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The Huron Perth Drug Strategy partners are reporting **4 overdose deaths in the last 2 weeks.**

3 deaths have occurred June 1 – 4, 2023. There have been multiple near fatal overdoses also reported during this time in Huron Perth and Grey Bruce counties.

There is concern about drug potency and drugs being cut with other substances such as benzodiazepines and / or Xylazine (animal tranquilizer) causing death. Fentanyl is the suspected drug used in the recent deaths

Safety Messaging:

- **Don't use alone**
- **Carry naloxone**
- **Start slow with a test dose**
- **Call 911 and stay with the overdosing person**
- **Connect to services: medications and treatments for people with opioid use disorder**

Free naloxone kits are available across Huron and Perth at:
Pharmacies, CMHA and Huron Perth Public Health

To find a naloxone kit near you visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/where-get-free-naloxone-kit>



Contacts for additional supports:

- CMHA Huron Perth - Addiction & Mental Health Services
 - 519-271-6819 | 1-888-261-9350 (Toll Free)
- National Overdose Response Service (NORS) - 1-888-688-6677
- Huron Perth Crisis line (HPHA) - 1-888-829-7484

Please remove this notice by June 19 2023 as the illicit drug supply changes constantly.