

How to Stay Safer with Xylazine

Xylazine, also known as Tranq, is not an opioid. Tranq is a veterinary sedative recently found in the U.S. drug supply.

When tranq is mixed with another drug, like fentanyl, heroin or a benzo, it can increase the risk of overdose. **In case of overdose, here's what you can do:**

- If you think someone has overdosed, give them Naloxone.
- If the person is not responding, check if they are breathing.
- If the person is not breathing and not responding, call 9-1-1.
- If the person starts breathing but still seems sleepy, put them on their side supported by a bent knee. This will help them breathe.

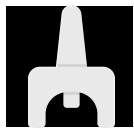


Tranq has been linked to serious wounds that can quickly get worse and spread.

Tranq, whether **smoked, snorted, or injected**, can cause serious wounds and ulcers. See a doctor promptly if you have a wound from using tranq, and keep it clean and covered to avoid infection.

What can you do if you think there is tranq in your drugs?

Before buying or using a drug, ask others how it makes them feel. Tranq can make you really sleepy, so if you are using it, be sure to use it in a safe place where you won't fall and hurt yourself. If you think there's tranq in your drugs, tell someone at a local needle exchange program so others can be careful too.



carry narcan (naloxone)



start low and go slow



tell someone you're using

Never Use Alone

English hotline: 800-484-3731
Spanish hotline: 800-928-5330

Syringe Services Program

Phone number (831) 454-2437

For more information and resources, visit: <https://www.hipscc.org/xylazine>

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