

Direction régionale de santé publique de Montréal

# INFO-SUBSTANCE

## First detection of ethylflualprazolam in fentanyl and analogue mixtures

Confirmatory results received on 2026-04-09, 2026-04-13 and 2026-04-15

### POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF BENZODIAZEPINES MIXED WITH FENTANYL (E.G. ETHYLFLUALPRAZOLAM)

- Increased risk of overdose when mixed with fentanyl
- Drowsiness
- Loss of balance, dizziness, falls
- Confusion, memory loss (blackouts)
- In overdose:
  - Prolonged unconsciousness
  - Little or no response to noise or pain
  - Difficult, snoring, or absent breathing

### SUBSTANCE-SPECIFIC PREVENTION ADVICE

- The content of what is sold as fentanyl is **unpredictable and variable**.
  - Medetomidine, several fentanyl analogues (including carfentanil), and ethylflualprazolam have been found in analyzed samples.
- There is limited human data available on ethylflualprazolam.
- Regardless of the substance used, administer naloxone if:
  - Little or no response to noise or pain
  - Difficult, snoring, or absent breathing

### HOW TO PREVENT FATAL OVERDOSES

- **Reduce** the dose of a drug to test its effects.
- Use **drug checking services**.
- Use **supervised consumption services**.
- Avoid using alone (or, notify someone and stay in contact while taking the substance, ex : **National Overdose Response Service (NORS)** 1-888-688-6677 or **Accompagnement à distance en prévention des surdoses (ADPS)**: 1-800-265-2626 option 2).
- Have **naloxone** close at hand in large enough quantities and know how to use it in case of an overdose. Don't hesitate to use it (not dangerous even if it isn't necessary).
- When using with other people, don't all use at the same time.
- Avoid using multiple substances at the same time.
- Call 911 if there is an overdose.

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