

Xylazine Fact Sheet

- Xylazine is **not an opioid**. It is a sedative that is intended for use in animals only.
- Xylazine is often mixed with other substances to increase their potency or volume, including heroin, cocaine, and pills. It can be swallowed, injected, snorted, or inhaled.
- Use of xylazine can cause severe skin wounds anywhere on the body which may cause infection.
- **Naloxone (Narcan) should always be given** in a suspected overdose, but it cannot reverse a xylazine overdose.
- **Signs of an overdose include:** slow/shallow breathing, pale or blue skin, slowed heart rate, and falling asleep/lack of consciousness. **Call 911 if you think someone is overdosing.**
- **To reduce risk of overdose:** discard substances that test positive for xylazine, use with someone else present and always have naloxone (Narcan) available.



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