Overdose Alert.



May 6, 2024

8 overdoses were reported within the last 72 hours, totaling 12 overdoses from April 27-May 5. The incidents occurred in Meaford (1), West Grey (2), and Owen Sound (9). The suspected substances are fentanyl and crack cocaine. Fentanyl, benzodiazepine and xylazine test strips are available through Grey Bruce Public Health.

Follow these harm reduction practices:

- Don't use alone. Have a trusted, sober friend present. Call or text NORS 1-888-688-6677 if using alone.
- Get overdose prevention training & carry a naloxone kit.
- Take extra caution if mixing substances. Mixing substances can increase the risk of harm and drug poisonings.
- Go slow. Always start with a low dose and increase slowly, especially if trying something new or restarting use.
- Use only new supplies and avoid sharing supplies. This reduces the risk of getting or passing on an infectious disease. Supplies are available at GBPH and community partners.

Suicide Crisis Hotline: 9-8-8 Connex Ontario: 1-866-531-2600

Supportive Outreach Services (SOS): 519-379-8743

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic: 519-376-3999 National Overdose Response Service (NORS): 1-888-688-6677

