

# OVERDOSE ALERT

## Overdose Alert for Waterloo Region

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### CARFENTANIL detected in Waterloo Region

- Health Canada has confirmed the presence of carfentanil in green counterfeit pills stamped 'CDN' and '80' found in Waterloo Region
- Carfentanil is 10,000 times more toxic than morphine
- Carfentanil is an opioid that is used to sedate large animals such as elephants and is not for human consumption
- Carfentanil can not be detected by sight, smell, or taste



Please exercise caution when using ALL drugs.

#### IF SOMEONE OVERDOSES:

1. Call 911
2. Administer naloxone if an opioid overdose is suspected
3. Continue to assist the victim until paramedics arrive
4. The victim should accompany paramedics to hospital

#### IF USING SUBSTANCES:

- Never use substances alone
- Try a very small amount first
- If you use with someone, do not use at the exact same time
- Avoid mixing substances
- Have naloxone ready. Know how to respond to an overdose

#### TO GET NALOXONE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE TRAINING CONTACT:

- Region of Waterloo Public Health – 519-575-4400
- Sanguen Health Centre – 519-603-0223
- You can also ask your local pharmacist if they dispense naloxone (health card required)

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