



DRUG ALERT: METONITAZENE SOLD AS OXYCODONE

A new synthetic opioid has been discovered being sold by drug dealers in London and Wales.

The drug, Metonitazene, has been created to mimic Oxycodone tablets, blue pills with a '30' or 'M' on them. We have reports of it being sold as Oxycodone but is much stronger, potentially 1.8 times more potent than Fentanyl.

Exposure to this drug via inhalation, contact with eyes or nostrils, ingestion or needlestick could potentially result in a variety of symptoms including the rapid onset of life-threatening breathing failure, leading to an overdose.

Metonitazene is part of a group of drugs which are not new, however they appear to be becoming more prevalent.

Staying safe and helping others

The only way to avoid all the risks is to not take drugs which are not prescribed for you. However, if you do choose to take them, remember:

- **Go low and slow** - Be extra cautious about the sources from which you get your drugs, and about the drugs you are taking; maybe starting with just a quarter hit of a new supply.
- **Do not use alone**; make sure that someone you trust is present and equipped with a couple of naloxone kits
- **If using with others**, it's best if only one person uses the drug first and uses less as a test dose
- **Watch others carefully** for the signs of an overdose, e.g. loss of consciousness, shallow or absent breathing, 'snoring' or loud 'rasping', and/or blue lips or fingertips.
- **Be prepared to call immediately for an ambulance** if someone overdoses and administer naloxone if available. Make sure there is sufficient naloxone available.
- **More doses of naloxone may be needed to recover from an opiate overdose** especially if it contains Metonitazene.

If you don't have a naloxone kit, or yours has expired, please contact us:

If you have any questions or are worried about anything, you can find your local service and their contact information on our website at www.changegrowlive.org