

XYLAZINE DRUG SUPPLY WARNING

XYLAZINE is similar to clonidine but is not used in humans. It is used commonly in veterinary medicine to sedate and provide pain control for animals.

Xylazine has been found mixed into Fentanyl, a powerful opioid.



**BASED ON DATA IN 2021,
THERE WERE 301 UNINTENTIONAL DRUG OVERDOSE
DEATHS INVOLVING XYLAZINE IN CONNECTICUT**

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XYLAZINE'S EFFECTS:

- **Pain Control**
- **Low heart rate**
- **Low blood pressure**
- **Sleepiness/Sedation**
- **Low/decreased body temperature**
- **Decreased breathing**



XYLAZINE MAY BE PRESENT WHEN:

**Effects of the substance feel longer
Xylazine is used as a cut to elongate the high of fentanyl
Low heartrate and/or dizziness**

Individuals may not respond to Naloxone in the expected way



TIPS ON XYLAZINE



- **Start low, go slow. Xylazine may stay in your system for hours and can build up over time so be careful because the doses can pile up.**



- **If you are taking clonidine, and xylazine is suspected in your drug supply. Consider not using, decreasing your dose or monitoring your blood pressure/heart rate carefully. The risk or severity of sedation can be increased when Clonidine is combined with Xylazine.**



- **If someone is overdosing, you should still use naloxone as Xylazine is often mixed with an opioid. The person may still be sedated and may not become fully alert. Monitor for breathing. Rescue breathing is an essential part of overdose response.**



- **People who use xylazine may be at an increased risk of wounds, even in non-injection locations. Keep an eye on your skin and tend to wounds early. Apply ointment (Neosporin, Vaseline, Medi-honey, or hexagon) to a non-stick gauze or Xeroform. Place on wound.**



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