

ALERT SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS

DRUGS IN SCOTLAND ARE CHANGING



Synthetic opioids including nitazenes are now mixed in some of the drugs supplied in Scotland – this is causing people to have extremely bad experiences including sudden and near fatal overdoses and has caused deaths.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS

These drugs can cause a **very sudden overdose** which can be life-threatening.

Try to avoid using alone. Use in other people's company and try to take turns so that there is always someone there who is able to help if someone overdoses.

Make sure you and your friends have naloxone and know how to use it – **pick up an extra naloxone kit** from a drug service, pharmacy, homelessness service or from the national naloxone click & deliver service - sfad.org.uk.

If someone is unresponsive, you should **get an ambulance as soon as possible. Administer naloxone** and phone 999. The person may need more than usual if synthetic opioids like nitazenes are involved. Use the standard dose and repeat as necessary but **you may need to administer more doses than usual.**

Stay with the person – the emergency services' priority is to help the person who has overdosed.

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www.scottishdrugservices.scot.nhs.uk # STOP THE DEATHS

EXTREME RISK - SYNTHETICS OPIOIDS