

WHAT IS XYLAZINE?

- Xylazine is a drug used in veterinary medicine for sedation, anesthesia, muscle relaxation, and pain relief in animals, such as horses, cattle, and other non-human mammals.
- It is not approved for human use.
- Xylazine has been linked to an increasing number of overdose deaths all across the United States.

QUICK FACTS

- Although xylazine is not an opioid drug, it is often added to illicit opioids such as fentanyl.
- Many people who take xylazine are known to use it in combination with cocaine, heroin, or fentanyl.
- Combining xylazine with other drugs, especially fentanyl, puts the person using it at a much higher risk of fatal drug poisoning or overdose.
- Since xylazine isn't an opioid, naloxone (Narcan®) does not reverse its effects. However, because it is often taken in combination with opioids, experts still recommend giving a person naloxone if there's any possibility that the person might be suffering from drug poisoning or overdose.
- Xylazine is commonly known as Tranq, Tranq dope, Rompun®, and AnaSed®.

HEALTH RISKS AND SYMPTOMS

- Dry mouth.
- Drowsiness.
- Amnesia.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Slowed heart rate.
- Constricted pupils.
- Dangerously low blood pressure.
- Skin ulcers and abscesses.
- Infected wounds.
- Central nervous system depression.
- Severe withdrawal symptoms.
- Death.

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN OVERDOSE

- Call 911.
- Administer naloxone, if available.
- Start rescue breathing.
- If there is no pulse, perform chest compressions or CPR, if trained to do so.

TAKE ACTION

If you have reason to believe that you or someone you love is using xylazine or other drugs, the sooner you address the issue, the better the outcome. Reach out to your primary care physician or a mental health professional. Remember that early intervention is always best for you or your loved one's health and well-being.

Call 910-862-6900 today to speak to someone who can help.

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