

SUBSTANCE WEEKLY REPORT

Sept 23 - Sept 29, 2024 (159 Samples)



HIGHLIGHTS

- 43.4% (69/159) of samples checked were as expected, with no cuts or adulterants detected
- 29.2% (21/72) of down samples contained a benzo this week

DOWN/OPIOIDS, 72 SAMPLES

- 59 samples contained **fentanyl** at a median concentration of 11%
- 12 samples contained **fluorofentanyl** at a median concentration of 3%
- 20 samples contained **ortho-Methyl fentanyl** at a median concentration of 3%
- 1 sample contained **carfentanil** at 0.1%
- 8 samples contained **xylazine** at a median concentration of 0.3%
- 7 samples contained **heroin** at a median concentration of 3%
- 21/72 down samples contained a **benzo**
 - 19 samples contained **bromazolam** at a median concentration of 4%
 - 1 sample contained **etizolam** at 0.4%
 - 1 sample contained an **unknown benzo**

Community Reporting

- **Down:** Small bright pink pebbles. When cooked, turned a light caramel colour. When smoked, produced a sticky but pretty normal resin. Effects were much stronger than expected, causing immediate nodding off. Bought in downtown area.
- **Down:** Small purple pebbles. When smoked, had a very strong taste. Effects were somewhat stronger than expected, felt like it had high concentration of benzos. Bought north of downtown.

BENZOS, 3 SAMPLES

- 1 sample was **lorazepam (Ativan)**
- 1 **alprazolam (Xanax)** sample was **bromazolam** instead
- 1 **unspecified benzo** sample was **bromazolam**

DISSOCIATIVES & PSYCHEDELICS, 18 SAMPLES

- 10/10 samples were **ketamine**
- 2 samples were **2C-B**
- 3 samples were **LSD (acid)**
- 1/2 samples were **DMT**
 - 1 sample **5-MeO-DMT** instead of **DMT**
- 1 **mescaline** sample was **methallylescaline** instead

UNKNOWN, 18 SAMPLES

- **18 samples were brought in as "unknown"**
 - 17 had actives detected, 1 did not



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STIMULANTS, 30 SAMPLES

- 15/16 samples were **cocaine** (hard and soft)
 - 1 **cocaine (soft)** sample also contained **levamisole**
- 9/10 samples were **MDMA/MDA**
 - 1 **MDMA** sample also contained **MDA**
- 2/2 samples were **methamphetamine**
- 1 sample was **4-MMC**
- 1 sample was **MDA** instead of **MDPV**

Community Reporting

- **Meth/side:** Clear crystal shards. When cooked, turned clear and congealed quickly. When smoked, tasted and melted as expected. Effects were as expected, nothing unusual.

OTHER, 18 SAMPLES

- 2/2 samples were **GHB**
- 2/6 samples were **hydromorphone (Dilaudid)**
 - 2 **hydromorphone** samples were **N-propionyl para-fluoro norfentanyl base** instead
 - 2 **hydromorphone** samples were **metonitazene** instead
- 1 **Percocet** sample also contained **phenacetin**
- 1 sample was **bupropion**
- 1 sample was a mixture of **MDA** and **tadalafil (Cialis)**
- 1 **testolone** sample was **methandrostenolone** instead
- 6 health supplement samples had no actives detected

REPORT GLOSSARY

- **Median:** Like an average, but accounts for outlying results so the final number isn't skewed.
- **Percentages:** Represents the amount per 100 mg. Example: a concentration of 12% fentanyl is 12 mg of fentanyl per 100 mg (a point) of the total sample (including other components like cuts).
- **Unknown benzo:** A benzo that is likely outside of our PSMS target list.
- **Metonitazene:** A synthetic opioid that is estimated to be similar in potency to fentanyl.
- **N-propionyl para-fluoro norfentanyl base:** A by-product of fluorofentanyl synthesis with limited information about its potency.
- **Bupropion:** An antidepressant medication that is now also used in smoking cessation.

WEEKLY REPORT FEEDBACK

We are seeking feedback on the weekly report about what is works and what doesn't. If you would like to contribute, please email barclay@uvic.ca or call 250-721-6275, leave a message, and we will provide more information.