

SUBSTANCE WEEKLY REPORT

Sept 30 - Oct 6, 2024 (112 Samples)



HIGHLIGHTS

- 60.7% (68/112) of samples checked were as expected, with no cuts or adulterants detected
- 20.5% (9/44) of down samples contained a benzo this week
- Our Paper Spray Mass Spectrometer (Matilda) has encountered some unexpected issues and will be undergoing repairs soon

DOWN/OPIOIDS, 44 SAMPLES

- 33 samples contained **fentanyl** at a median concentration of 12%
- 11 samples contained **fluorofentanyl** at a median concentration of 3%
- 16 samples contained **ortho-Methyl fentanyl** at a median concentration of 4%
- 3 samples contained **xylazine** at concentrations 0.1%, 0.1%, and 3%
- 9/44 down samples contained a **benzo**
 - 8 samples contained **bromazolam** at a median concentration of 4%
 - 1 sample contained an **unknown benzo**

Community Reporting (from last week)

- **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, 8 SAMPLES

- 1/5 samples were **alprazolam (Xanax)**
 - 3 samples were **bromazolam** instead
 - 1 sample was an **unknown benzo** instead
- 1 unspecified benzo was **bromazolam**
- 1 bromazolam sample was an **unknown benzo** instead
- 1 **flualprazolam** sample was an **unknown benzo** instead

DISSOCIATIVES & PSYCHEDELICS, 10 SAMPLES

- 6/8 samples were **ketamine**
 - 2 samples were **MDA** instead
- 1 **DXM** sample was **ketamine** instead
- 1 sample was **LSD (acid)**

OTHER, 6 SAMPLES

- 3/3 samples were **zopiclone**
- 1 sample was **morphine**
- 1 sample was **oxycodone (Oxycontin)**
- 1 sample was **4-MMC**



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STIMULANTS, 41 SAMPLES

- 18/19 samples were **cocaine** (hard and soft)
 - 1 **cocaine (soft)** sample also contained **levamisole**
- 15/16 samples were **MDMA/MDA**
 - 1 **MDMA** had no actives detected
- 5/5 samples were **methamphetamine**
- 1 sample was **4-MMC**
- 1 sample was **lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse)**

Community Reporting (from last week)

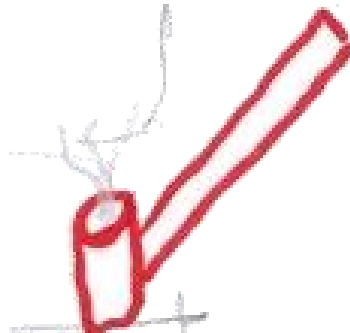
- **Meth/side:** Clear crystal shards. When cooked, turned clear and congealed quickly. When smoked, tasted and melted as expected. Effects were as expected, nothing unusual.

UNKNOWN, 3 SAMPLES

- 3 samples were brought in as "unknown"
 - 3 had actives detected



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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 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.