

Dec 11, 2020 – **OVERDOSE ALERT**



There have been 2 fatal overdoses reported by EMS, both occurring within a very short timeframe on December 11, 2020, just outside Owen Sound in Georgian Bluffs, and in Hanover. It is assumed that fentanyl or carfentanyl are involved, with a white/pink substance involved in one fatality. Police report a multitude of colors of drugs on the streets - all must be assumed toxic.

Take extra caution by:

- Avoiding using alone. When using with someone else, avoid using at the same time. Call the OVERDOSE PREVENTION LINE at 1-888-853-8542 if you must use alone
- Avoiding mixing different drugs. Mixing drugs, including alcohol, increases the risk of overdose.
- Going slow. Use smaller amounts and do test doses to check the strength of the drug.
- Knowing your tolerance. The current street supply may be toxic and fatal.
- Getting overdose prevention training and carrying a Naloxone kit.

Overdose is a medical emergency. Call 911 or go to the Emergency Department. The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides protection from simple possession charges when 911 is called for an overdose.

Naloxone is available for free from pharmacies and at the Grey Bruce Health Unit Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4 pm, no appointment needed.

For those looking for support: Mental Health Crisis Line of Grey Bruce: 1-877-470-5200, ConnexOntario: 1-866-531-2600 or the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic: 519-376-3999.

