

# XYLAZINE: UNDERSTAND THE RISKS

**TOO MUCH  
TO LOSE**

**GET THE TRUTH  
ON RISKY DRUG USE**

## WHAT IS XYLAZINE?

An animal pain reliever and sedative (not approved for use in humans) that's being added to illicit drugs like opioids, such as fentanyl and heroin, and meth and cocaine.

**It's also known as:**  
"Tranq," "tranq dope" and "zombie drug."



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- It's **dangerous for humans**. Once used, people want more.
- It's difficult to tell when drugs have xylazine in them and its **effects can look like symptoms of an opioid overdose** (think: decreased or depressed breathing). However, naloxone, an opioid overdose medication, may not help with a xylazine overdose or help prevent death because xylazine is not an opioid.
- Repeated use of xylazine may cause **serious injury to tissues and skin** and could result in amputation.

Not only can using illicit drugs cost you your career, but exposure to unknown dangerous substances in these drugs can cause serious health effects, impact readiness and result in overdose and even death.

## IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

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