



KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

XYLAZINE | TRANQ.



WHAT IS XYLAZINE?

Xylazine, also known as “tranq” is a veterinary tranquilizer that has been found in some illicit drug supplies. Xylazine is not approved for use in people. People often use xylazine without knowing it when it is added to other drugs, most frequently fentanyl. Xylazine is usually injected, although it can be ingested in powder form through the nose or mouth.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

When used in people, xylazine can cause sedation, difficulty breathing, dangerously low blood pressure, slowed heart rate, wounds that become infected, severe withdrawal symptoms, and death. Naloxone will not reverse the effects of xylazine. It's important to call 911 for additional medical treatment.

RISKS AND HARMS ASSOCIATED WITH XYLAZINE USE

Risk of exposure can come from illegal drugs such as cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl being mixed with xylazine, either to enhance drug effects or increase street value by increasing their weight.

[SCAN QR CODE TO SEE MORE INFORMATION FROM THE CDC](#)



**CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECOGNIZING OR SUSPECTING AN
OVERDOSE.**

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