

# KNOW WHAT'S Xylazine

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Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer that is being cut into the illicit opioid supply. It's sometimes called "trang," "trang dope," or the "zombie drug."

Xylazine comes on fast and hard. How long it lasts depends on many things, but it's very strong immediately after using.

## **Effects of Xylazine:**

- Mental and physical disorientation / confusion.
- Dizziness and loss of balance.
- Memory blackouts or a feeling of losing time.
- Dry mouth / cotton mouth.
- Wounds that look different, can spread and worsen quickly, and are slow to heal.

Xylazine can cause wounds that appear anywhere on the body, no matter how much you are using. These wounds can be severe, sometimes appearing black, and are difficult to heal on their own. They require special care to not get worse.

It is very important to get medical attention if wounds are spreading quickly. Access Point of Georgia offers free wound care every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please talk to our nurse if you have any wounds that need attention.

### When Using:

- Start low and go slow. Especially if you just got a new batch.
- Avoid using alone, if you can. Have someone around you to watch your breathing.
- Keep your valuables in a safe place.
- Be in a comfortable seated position before using, in case you lose consciousness.
- Always have narcan/naloxone available and visible when you're using.

## Responding to an Overdose with Xylazine Present::

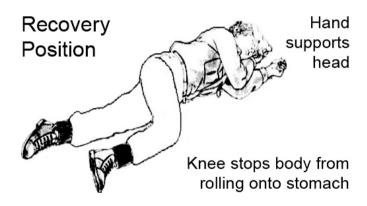
Xylazine is being mixed into the opioid drug supply, which can increase the risk of overdose. If someone is overdosing, administer narcan/naloxone like you normally would with any opioid. Although Xylazine is not an opioid, it is added to fentanyl, which DOES respond to narcan/naloxone. and give rescue breaths (mouth-to-mouth).



Always use narcan/naloxone if you think someone is overdosing!



Put them in the rescue position after using narcan/naloxone. Stay with them until they come back, and to make sure they stay breathing regularly.



Remember, narcan/naloxone helps restore breathing!
If the person starts breathing again, but is still sedated,
they don't need more naloxone.

#### **Never Use Alone**

English hotline: 800-484-3731 Spanish hotline: 800-928-5330



This is a hotline to call where an operator stays on the phone with you and calls EMS to your location **if** you become unresponsive.





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tell someone you're using