

# WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH XYLAZINE (TRANQ')?

## XYLAZINE (TRANQ/SLEEPDOPE) IS

- A VERY STRONG SEDATIVE
- SLOWS BREATHING AND HEART RATE
- NOT AN OPIOID BUT SOLD MIXED WITH FENTANYL

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- IT CAN CAUSE UNCONSCIOUSNESS
- IT CAN COMPLICATE TREATMENT OF OVERDOSE
- WOUNDS FROM XYLAZINE INJECTION CAN BE VERY SERIOUS

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE IT?

- USUALLY MIXED WITH FENTANYL
- CAN LOOK LIKE REGULAR BROWN OR WHITE HEROIN
- MIGHT BE DYED DIFFERENT COLORS (PURPLE/PINK)
- STRONG SMELL LIKE GASOLINE
- CAUSE DRY MOUTH

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE IT?

- DON'T USE ALONE
- AVOID PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WHERE YOU MAY BE HURT OR ROBBED
- IF YOU PASS OUT LAYING ON YOUR ARM OR LEG YOUR CIRCULATING CAN BE CUT OFF

## IF SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE

- ADMINISTER NALOXONE
- START RESCUE BREATHING
- PUT THE PERSON IN THE RESCUE POSITION (ON THEIR SIDE) AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEM
- ADMINISTERING NALOXONE WON'T REVERSE A DEEP XYLAZINE SEDATION; BUT REMEMBER THAT IT WILL REVERSE HEROIN/FENTANYL!
- THE FOCUS OF XYLAZINE OVERDOSE RESPONSE IS STARTING BREATHING AGAIN, AS OPPOSED TO IMMEDIATE CONSCIOUSNESS.



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