

»» Drug Alert ««

Vancouver and Burnaby

White XANAX bar tested positive for an **unknown benzodiazepine** and **ADB-BUTINACA**, a synthetic cannabinoid. Dosing and effects may be significantly different.

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ADB-BUTINACA is a synthetic cannabinoid. It is active in very small dosages. Limited data exists about its toxicity in humans. Severe symptoms have been reported from synthetic cannabinoid use: nausea, vomiting, hallucinations, rapid loss of consciousness and seizures. ADB-BUTINACA has been linked to multiple severe poisonings and death. Mixing synthetic cannabinoids with benzodiazepines, puts people at a higher risk of overdose.

Friends, family, and community members using unregulated substances may face increased harms of unknowingly taking different substances than intended.

Tips for safer drug use:

- Explore with service providers options for witnessing consumption (episodic OPS) and local Overdose Prevention Sites
- Stagger use with friends so someone can respond if needed
- If using alone let someone know and ask them to check on you
 - Download the Lifeguard or BeSafe app
 - Call the National Overdose Response Service (NORS): 1-888-688-6677 if no cell data
- Take a small amount, wait and see how it feels
- Mixing substances increases risk of overdose. This includes alcohol and prescription drugs
- Find local harm reduction services and naloxone sites www.towardtheheart.com/site-finder
- Get your drugs checked www.fraserhealth.ca/drugchecking or www.vch.ca/en/service/drug-checking
- Carry Naloxone. Visit www.naloxonetraining.com for a training refresher
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