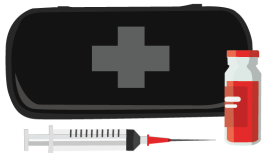



Safety Tips

- A negative strip test result does not mean the substance is safe.
- Try not to use alone. Have a friend with you.
- Check drugs every time you use. The amount of fentanyl and benzos can change every time, even within the same batch. You can get a negative result with the first test but a positive result with the second test from the same batch. Strips cannot tell you how much is in your drugs, only that it is present in the portion tested.
- Always start with small amounts.
- Use where help is easily available.
- Be careful when mixing drugs, including alcohol. The chance of overdosing is higher when mixing drugs.



- Pick up a Take Home Naloxone kit.
- Learn how to spot an overdose and how to help, like giving breaths.
- Get training with a provider at your local health centre, www.nors.ca or call 1-888-688-NORS (6677).



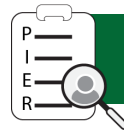


If you think someone is overdosing:

- Call 911.
- Stay with them until help arrives.
- The Good Samaritan Act protects you. You cannot be arrested.



If you are alone, you can call
1-888-688-NORS (6677)
for 24/7 remote overdose help.



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Drug Checking Strips: Fentanyl, Benzodiazepine and Xylazine

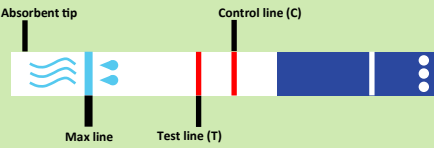
For detailed instructions look inside

1. Get water.
 - ⇒ **For Fentanyl:** Put **30mL (1 ounce)** - equivalent to a shot glass) of room temperature water in small cup.
 - ⇒ **For Benzos:** Put small splash of **hot water (2 to 5mL or ½ teaspoon)** in cup.
 - ⇒ **For Xylazine:** Put **5mL (½ teaspoon)** water in cup.
2. Add a tiny sample of your drug into the water (equal to a few grains of sand). Mix until dissolved.
3. Hold strip in the water up to wavy line for 15 seconds.

READING THE RESULTS:

POSITIVE:	NEGATIVE:	INVALID (UNCLEAR):
		
T C	T C	T C

NOTE: The intensity of colour in the test region (T) may vary. If the control line (C) is still present, any shade of colour in the test region should be considered negative.



Absorbent tip Control line (C)
Max line Test line (T)



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Step-By-Step Guide, How to Check:



1 Check drugs before use.

The amount of fentanyl, benzo, and Xylazine can change each time. Test strips can be used to check any drug, equipment, or bits leftover in a baggie.

2 Get water.



Fentanyl: put 30 mL (1 ounce) of room temperature tap water into a small cup.

*A shot glass is equal to 30 mL (1 ounce).

Benzo: put a small splash of **hot** water into a cup (2 to 5 mL or 1/2 teaspoon).

Xylazine: put 5 mL (1/2 teaspoon of water into a small cup.

3 Add drugs.

Put a tiny sample of the drug you are checking into the water (equal to a few grains of sand). Mix until completely dissolved.



4 Open package at notched end.



Hold strip by solid blue end only. Do not touch white end.

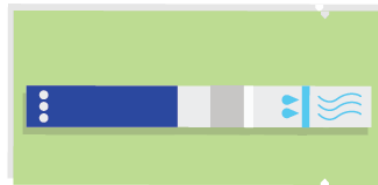


5 Place strip in water, covering wavy lines. Be careful not to go above the wavy lines, this will create invalid results.



6 Hold strip in water for 15 seconds, or wait for the red stripe to appear. Do not dip or stir the strip.

7 Place strip on its package and wait 1 to 2 minutes for a result. Read results immediately.



Scan QR codes for video how-to instructions



Fentanyl



Benzo

Reading the Results:

+ Positive test result



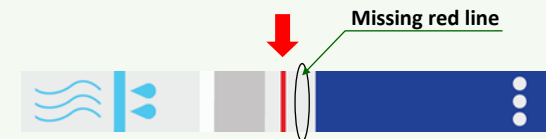
One red line close to blue area means there **IS** fentanyl, benzos, or xylazine in the sample.

- Negative test result



Two red lines means **NO** fentanyl, benzos or xylazine detected.

Invalid (Unclear) test result



The red line closest to the solid blue area should always show in your test result.

When it is not there, it means the result is not clear. **Stirring with the strip or wetting the strip above the wavy lines could cause this.** We call it an invalid test result.

Test again with a new strip.



It is important not to add too much or too little of the sample. This can interfere with the results.