# FACTS XYLAZINE

Knowledge and Tools to Save Lives



Xylazine is a non-opioid tranquilizer used by veterinarians. It's also linked to an increasing number of overdose deaths. Xylazine is often mixed with other drugs, and people often unknowingly use it in combination with other drugs, particularly illicit fentanyl.

### **NALOXONE**



BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN OPIOID, XYLAZINE DOES NOT RESPOND TO NALOXONE.

### HARD TO DETECT



TYPICAL LAB TESTS DON'T LOOK FOR XYLAZINE, SO ITS FULL IMPACT IS UNKNOWN.

### RISK OF INFECTION



USE OF XYLAZINE CAN CAUSE WOUNDS AND SEVERE INFECTION REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION.

# **RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE**

Xylazine is not an opioid, so that means it doesn't respond to naloxone (Narcan), but you can and should still ALWAYS give naloxone to a person you think has overdosed. Naloxone may be less effective if the person has used opioids laced with xylazine, and more naloxone than usual may be needed. Xylazine may increase the risk of overdose death.

- Call 911
- Give naloxone if you have it
- Wait with the person
- Give them CPR and rescue breaths. If you don't know how, the 911 dispatcher can help.

# STREET NAMES: tranq, tranq dope, sleep cut

# TOP SUBSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN LAB TESTS WITH XYLAZINE

- 1. Fentanyl
- 2. Methamphetamine
- 3. Delta-9 THC
- 4. Cocaine
- 5. Alprazolam (Xanax)

Xylazine overdose deaths involve multiple substances.



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