



PRP ADVISORY

Presence of Flubromazepam found in recent Kindersley police seizures

November 15, 2021

IMPORTANT

CPSS has been notified by Health Canada's Drug Analysis Service that a benzodiazepine, known as **flubromazepam** (7-bromo-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one), which is controlled under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act, was present in a powder/and or grainy substance also containing cocaine (benzoylmethylecgonine.) The substance was received in Health Canada laboratory on November 2, 2021 and is the **first detection** of a substance of concern in the Kindersley area. This combination is of concern with the following criteria:

- This substance is newly encountered in the community and is known to be associated with overdoses and deaths.
- This substance may be presented as a new form that individuals may be unaware they are consuming.
- The substance may also represent a threat to anyone handling it without taking the appropriate health and safety precautions.

As a benzodiazepine, flubromazepam functions as a central nervous system depressant. A benzodiazepine overdose can appear very similar to an opioid overdose, with signs and symptoms including: central nervous system and respiratory depression, dizziness, sedation, slurred speech, and lethargy. Naloxone will not reverse a flubromazepam overdose but is not harmful if given.

At this time, we are uncertain if flubromazepam is circulating in Saskatchewan outside of the Kindersley area but there have been reports in other provinces. A similar detection was reported in Vancouver on November 2, 2021.

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QUESTIONS:

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