

# Know what's in your drugs

## TRANQ | XYLAZINE

Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that is cut in dope to give fentanyl longer legs. It's known as "anesthesia de caballo" in Puerto Rico and "tranq" in Chicago.



Tranq was found in over **190 of drug overdose deaths** in Illinois between Jan 2019 – June 2022, with increases in deaths every 6 months.



When tranq is mixed with another drug (like fentanyl, heroin, or a benzo), the chance of **overdose increases**. If someone is overdosing, **administer naloxone** like you normally would. If the person starts breathing again but is still sedated, they don't need more naloxone. Put them in rescue position and keep an eye on them.



Tranq has been associated with severe wounds, which spread and worsen very quickly.



**These wounds are seen regardless of how people use:** smoking, snorting, or injecting. It's very difficult for these wounds to heal on their own so it is important to get medical attention if you have one.

### What can you do if you think there is tranq in your dope?



Carry naloxone



Start slow and go slow



Tell someone you're using

First, try to ask around and see how the drug is making other people feel before you buy or use it. Since tranq can cause a really heavy nod, try to use somewhere that you will be safe and won't fall and hurt yourself. Finally, if you think there is tranq in your dope let others know--including someone at your local exchange program--so folks know to be careful.

Help is here.

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