

NITAZENES FOUND IN HEROIN AND PILLS

Nitazenes are a strong class of synthetic opioids that are increasingly found across the UK drug supply.

Nitazenes don't have a standard look.

Nitazenes can look like anything: they come in powder and pill form. They've been detected in heroin, xanax, valium, oxys, even in synthetic cannabis. Below are real pictures of drugs with nitazenes in them in the UK.



So far, they've been detected all across the UK, **particularly** in the heroin/opioid supply.

Nitazenes are more likely to cause an overdose.

Tips for staying safer are on the back of this sheet.

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What you can do to be safer:

1. Test your drugs

You can send anonymous drug samples to WEDINOS (wedinos.org) and get test results in a couple of days. Ask an outreach worker or friend to help you print off a 'Sample & Effects record' from wedinos.org to do this.

Fentanyl test strips don't work with nitazenes, and they don't have special urine or mouth swabs yet.

Even if you aren't in drug treatment, you can ask your drug service to let you do a urine drug screen to see if anything surprising comes up in your results.

2. Start low, go slow, and try not to use alone

Start with low doses and wait for peak effects to pass before redosing. Try taking turns using with a friend to ensure you can help each other if needed.

3. Carry naloxone

Nitazenes are showing up in all supply, not just opioids. Get it from your local drug service. Learn how to detect an overdose and what to do. Multiple doses may be needed.