

WARNING

Extremely dangerous pills containing nitazenes may be in circulation in the Greater Manchester area.





A number of unmarked green and yellow round pills were found at the scene of recent death in Greater Manchester. Tests have shown the pills contained **isotonitazene**.

- Isotonitazene is one of a group of synthetic opioids known as nitazenes.
- Over 250 people have died in the last year after drugs sold as heroin, diazepam (*street Valium*), oxycodone or other street drugs were adulterated with **nitazenes**.
- It is believed that these green and yellow pills were obtained online.

Drug deaths are the highest ever recorded. The current illicit drug market has never been more dangerous

- Assume that any heroin, diazepam, oxycodone, tramadol or other street or online drugs may contain nitazenes
- Start any new batch of drugs with a small test dose
- Using diazepam, pregabalin or alcohol at the same time as opioids like heroin, methadone, oxycodone or tramadol increases risk
- Don't use alone. Use with friends and take it in turns to look after each other
- Watch out for signs of an overdose in friends
- Naloxone is an antidote to an opioid overdose.
- If you use street, online opioids or diazepam make sure you have naloxone and be prepared to use it - you may have to use more than one dose
- After using Naloxone Ring for an ambulance as naloxone will wear off.

Ask your local drug treatment service about getting **naloxone** and **test strips**. Your local service can also offer rapid access to opioid medication treatment

Help and advice is available from your local drug service https://www.talktofrank.com/get-help/find-support-near-you