

# Xylazine

Xylazine is a medicine used in animals. It is not approved to use in humans. It is being found in fentanyl and heroin, and mixed with cocaine and meth.



The risk for overdose is much higher when drugs are mixed with xylazine.



Xylazine has no taste or smell but can be detected using a Xylazine test strip.

## Xylazine effects on the body



Drowsiness



Not being able to wake up



Slow heart rate



Slow breathing



Trouble swallowing



Dry mouth



Xylazine can also increase the risk of blood clots, skin sores, and muscle, nerve, or kidney damage.



## Personal experiences using xylazine

"Put me out for hours"

"Made me pass out and I woke up with vomit on me"

"Skin on fire, teeth felt loose"

"Very drowsy, like I was sleepwalking"

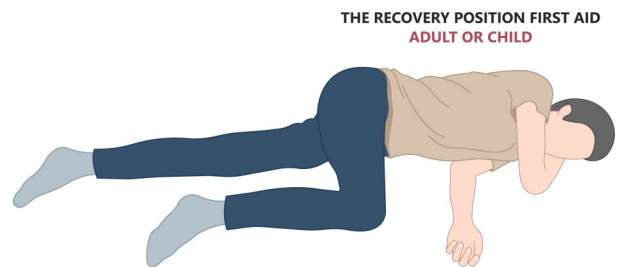
## Wounds from using xylazine

- Severe wounds are being reported with xylazine use. Repeated use can lead to wounds that do not heal without medical treatment.
- Seek medical care immediately if a wound turns black, there is extreme pain or swelling around the wound, there is a bad smell, or if you have a fever. Wounds should be kept clean and dry.



## How to respond to a xylazine overdose

- Call 911 and stay with the person until medical personnel arrive.
- Put the person in the recovery position.
  - Place the nearest arm at a right angle.
  - Put the back of the other hand next to the cheek closest to you and hold it there.
  - Bend the far knee, grasp the far leg, and roll them onto their side.
  - Open airway.
- Naloxone will **not** reverse the effects of xylazine, but should **always** be given if it is believed someone is having an overdose.



THE RECOVERY POSITION FIRST AID  
ADULT OR CHILD



**Do not use alone. Call Never Use Alone 877-696-1996 if there is no one you are comfortable with.**

## Xylazine resources

- What You Should Know About Xylazine
  - [www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/deaths/other-drugs/xylazine/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/deaths/other-drugs/xylazine/faq.html)
- Xylazine Wound Care: A Guide!
  - [Nextdistro.org/resources-collection/xylazine-wound-care-a-guide](https://Nextdistro.org/resources-collection/xylazine-wound-care-a-guide)

