


Overdose Events Spike During **Cheque Week**

There was a record-breaking spike in calls to 911 for drug poisoning during cheque week in August 2025.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23		25	26	27
28	29	30				

The days around income assistance day — **cheque week** — have higher numbers of drug poisoning (overdose) events.

The current drug supply is unpredictable with more carfentanil found in it recently.

Use harm reduction practices to reduce risk.



Test your
drugs



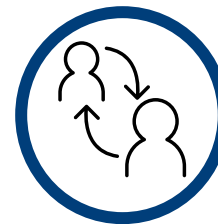
Check drug
alerts



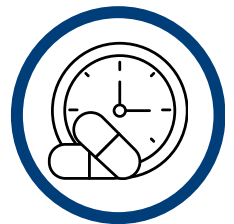
Have naloxone
and know how to
use it



Use with
someone
you trust



Take turns using
so you can help
each other



Start low,
go slow

For BC Mental Health and Substance Use supports visit:
helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca

For more resources go to: www.towardtheheart.com