

REPORT DRUG POISONING/OVERDOSE

Q&A

WHAT IS REPORT DRUG POISONING/OVERDOSE?

[Report Drug Poisoning/Overdose](#) is an online tool that collects reports of poisonings/overdoses and bad reactions to street drugs in York Region.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool is used by York Region Public Health to gather data on drug poisoning/overdose and reaction patterns in York Region and will supplement information shared by hospitals, paramedic services and the coroner.. Information received from the tool may be used to alert the community of harmful drugs in the area and poisoning/overdose concerns.

WILL THE COMMUNITY BE ALERTED OF ALL DRUG POISONING/OVERDOSES OR DRUG CONCERNS?

Report Drug Poisoning/Overdose was developed to allow York Region Public Health to monitor and assess the level of risk to the community. Alerts to the community will depend on the severity of the situation.

IF I AM REPORTING A BAD DRUG REACTION OR POISONING/OVERDOSE, DO I HAVE TO DISCLOSE MY NAME? CAN I GET IN LEGAL TROUBLE?

Report Drug Poisoning/Overdose is completely anonymous. Please do not disclose your name or contact information when you are reporting.

HOW WILL THIS TOOL HELP THE COMMUNITY?

This tool is not for emergencies or to report criminal activity. Contact 911 for medical emergencies or Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) to make an anonymous crime report. Reports are checked regularly between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays. Report Drug Poisoning/Overdose can provide York Region Public Health with insight into overdoses and reactions that might not necessarily be reported to police, hospitals or paramedic services.

The anonymity of the tool allows people with experiences to openly share their reactions to street drugs in case the information can be used to warn others. The more people report, the more York Region Public Health can use the information to help the community.

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