

# FACTS ABOUT XYLAZINE

Knowledge and Tools to Save Lives



Xylazine is a non-opioid tranquilizer used by veterinarians. It's also linked to an increasing number of overdose deaths in Tennessee and across the nation. Xylazine is often mixed with other drugs, and people exposed to xylazine often knowingly or unknowingly used it in combination with other drugs, particularly illicit fentanyl.

## NALOXONE



BECAUSE IT IS NOT AN OPIOID, XYLAZINE DOES NOT RESPOND TO NALOXONE.

## HARD TO DETECT



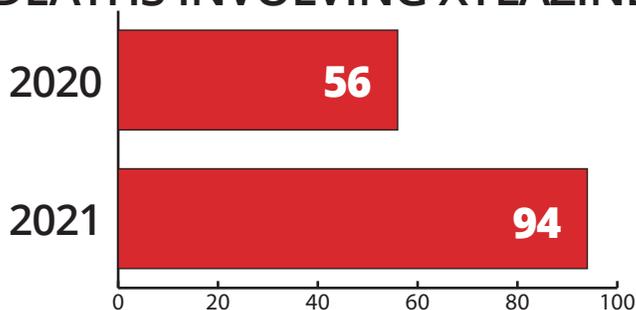
TYPICAL LAB TESTS DON'T LOOK FOR XYLAZINE, SO ITS FULL IMPACT IN TENNESSEE IS UNKNOWN.

## RISK OF INFECTION



USE OF XYLAZINE CAN CAUSE WOUNDS AND SEVERE INFECTION REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION.

## TENNESSEE OVERDOSE DEATHS INVOLVING XYLAZINE



All xylazine lab testing data is sourced from TDH SUDORS.

## TOP SUBSTANCES IDENTIFIED IN LAB TESTS WITH XYLAZINE

1. Fentanyl
  2. Methamphetamine
  3. Delta-9 THC
  4. Cocaine
  5. Alprazolam (Xanax)
- All xylazine overdose deaths in Tennessee involved multiple substances.

## RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE

Xylazine is not an opioid, so that means it doesn't respond to naloxone (Narcan), but you can and should still give naloxone to a person you think has overdosed.

- Call 911
- **Give naloxone if you have it**
- Wait with the person
- Give them CPR and rescue breaths if you know how. If you don't know how, the 911 dispatcher can help.

Learn more about xylazine and other emerging drugs by scanning this QR Code or visiting the web address below.



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