Benzos in the Drug Supply

WHAT DID WE DO?
We looked at benzo adulteration in the drug supply through drug checking services in Vancouver.

Please note some benzos can’t always be detected and the numbers reported here may be an underestimate of what’s in the drug supply.

WHAT WE USED:

LAB CONFIRMATORY TESTING
FENTANYL AND BENZO TEST STRIPS
FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)
WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Benzos and opioids both have sedation effects and together can greatly increase the risk of overdose. Getting your drugs checked can help give you an idea of what substances are in them.


16% expected-opioid samples had at least 1 benzo in them

14% expected-opioid samples had both a benzo and an opioid

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