Infecting Alone and Using Drug Checking

WHAT DID WE DO?

We used data from three studies and compared the use of drug checking services among people who inject alone and those who don’t.

WHAT WE USED:

- Fentanyl and Benzo Test Strips
- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)
- Questionnaire
WHAT WE FOUND:

73% of participants injected alone in the last six months

People who injected alone were less likely to access drug checking services

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

People who inject alone and don’t use drug checking may be more at risk of an overdose. Drug checking can give you info about what’s in your drugs before you use them.


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