



Injecting 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.

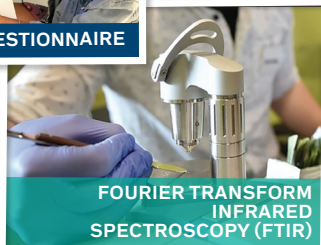
WHAT WE USED:



QUESTIONNAIRE



FENTANYL AND BENZO TEST STRIPS



FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

WHAT WE FOUND:



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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