



# Witnessing Overdose and Drug Checking

## WHAT DID WE DO?

We looked at whether people who had witnessed an overdose were more likely to check their drugs in Vancouver, BC.

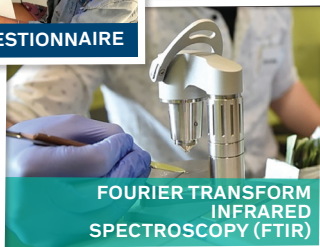
## WHAT WE USED:



QUESTIONNAIRE



FENTANYL AND  
BENZO TEST STRIPS



FOURIER TRANSFORM  
INFRARED  
SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

## WHAT WE FOUND:



of participants had recently witnessed an overdose



had recently checked their drugs

Participants that witnessed an overdose were



as likely to check their drugs

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Seeing someone overdose may motivate people to use drug checking. During the overdose crisis, access to drug checking can be useful to let people know what's in their drugs.

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