



Harm Reduction After Drug Checking Results

WHAT DID WE DO?

We looked at how drug checking may change what people choose to do with their drugs after getting their results.

WHAT WE USED:



QUANTITATIVE INTERVIEWS



FENTANYL AND
BENZO TEST STRIPS



FOURIER TRANSFORM
INFRARED
SPECTROSCOPY (FTIR)

WHAT WE FOUND:

People who were not pleased (e.g., weaker than expected, other drugs present) with their drug checking results were

4x

more likely to engage in harm reduction behaviours

than people who were pleased with their results.



Even though most people used their drugs as is, **23%** of people who weren't pleased with their results disposed of their drugs.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Drug checking can be an effective harm reduction tool because it allows people to make informed decisions about what goes in their bodies and reduce the risk of drug-use related harms and overdose.

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