

# Carfentanil increase in Ontario

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Recent toxicology data suggest an increase in carfentanil presence in Ontario in the past few months. This is based on carfentanil-positive laboratory samples across many Ontario regions. We do not know whether people were using carfentanil intentionally or unintentionally.

The Chief Coroner for Ontario has indicated that preliminary mortality data show an increase in carfentanil-related deaths in Ontario in the first four months of 2019. Specifically, carfentanil directly contributed to 142 deaths between January 1st and April 29th, 2019. This is already 50% more than the total number of deaths in which carfentanil directly contributed in all of 2018 (95 deaths). Specific numbers for Toronto are not available as many investigations are ongoing.

Data on carfentanil potency are limited, but best evidence suggests that **carfentanil is significantly more potent than fentanyl**. Intentional or unintentional carfentanil use could therefore be associated with increased risk of overdose and death compared with use of fentanyl or other opioids.

## Advice for people using drugs

- Use a supervised consumption service (SCS) or an overdose prevention site (OPS). See the attached list.
- Use with someone else and take turns spotting for each other. If you must use alone, have someone check on you.
- Get naloxone. Agencies that have it include: The Works, Parkdale Queen West CHC, Regent Park CHC, South Riverdale CHC, Fred Victor, Eva's Satellite, Sistering, Sherbourne Health Centre, Seaton House, and 129 Peter Street.
- You can also get a free naloxone kit at a pharmacy. Find out where at: [www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free](http://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free) or by calling 1-800-565-8603.

**In an overdose situation, get help immediately:**

**Call 911. Give naloxone. Stay with the person.**

**It is essential that all overdoses get medical attention.**

Toronto Public Health continues to monitor data and community reports. If you know about an unexpected reaction or overdose, tell a harm reduction worker about it.

You can also make an anonymous report online at [ReportBadDrugsTO.ca](http://ReportBadDrugsTO.ca).



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# OPS and SIS/SCS sites in Toronto

OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITES AND SUPERVISED INJECTION/CONSUMPTION SERVICES

	EAST END	DOWNTOWN - EAST					DOWNTOWN - WEST		WEST
	<b>keepSIX South Riverdale CHC SCS</b> 955 Queen E. (at Carlaw)	<b>Regent Park CHC OPS</b> 465 Dundas St. E (at Parliament)	<b>Street Health OPS</b> 338 Dundas St. E (at Sherbourne)	<b>Moss Park OPS</b> 134 Sherbourne (at Queen St. E)	<b>Fred Victor SIS</b> 139 Jarvis St. (at Queen E.)	<b>The Works SIS</b> 277 Victoria St. (at Dundas St. E)	<b>St. Stephen's Community House OPS</b> 260 Augusta Ave. (at College St.)	<b>Parkdale Queen West CHC: Bathurst SCS</b> 168 Bathurst (at Queen W.)	<b>Parkdale Queen West CHC: Parkdale OPS</b> 1229 Queen West (at Dufferin)
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 am to 8:00 pm	9:00 am to 6:30 pm	9:30 am to 4 pm	CLOSED	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	9:30 am to 8:00 pm	12:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am to 8:00 pm*	12 pm to 6:30 pm	11 am to 4 pm	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	9:30 am to 8:00 pm	12:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 6:30 pm	9:30 am to 4 pm	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	1:00 pm to 8:00 pm	1:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am to 8:00 pm	9:00 am to 6:30 pm**	9:30 am to 4 pm	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	9:30 am to 8:00 pm	12:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am to 5:00 pm	9:00 am to 3:30 pm	9:30 am to 4 pm	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	9:30 am to 4:30 pm	12:00-5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	10 am to 10 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Sunday</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm to 6 pm	8:30 am to 12 am	11 am to 5 pm	8:00 to 2:00 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>NOTES</b>	<i>Last call is 45 min. before close</i>			<i>Last call is 5:30 pm</i>				<i>Last call is 30 min. before close</i>	<i>Last call is 30 min. before close</i>

\*keepSIX SRCHC SCS: Only women/trans/non-binary people may access the SCS on Tuesdays from 10:00am-12:00pm.

\*\* Regent Park CHC OPS: Only women identified and trans people may access the OPS on Thursdays

*This list was developed by Toronto supervised consumption site and overdose prevention site service providers.*