

# REPORT BAD DRUGS TOOL Q&A

## WHAT IS REPORT BAD DRUGS?

Report Bad Drugs ([York.ca/ReportBadDrugs](http://York.ca/ReportBadDrugs)) is an online tool that collects reports of overdoses and bad reactions to street drugs in York Region.

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool is used by York Region Public Health to gather data on drug overdose and reaction patterns in York Region and will supplement information shared by hospitals and paramedic services. Information received from the tool may be used to alert the community of harmful drugs in the area and overdose concerns.

## WILL THE COMMUNITY BE ALERTED OF ALL DRUG OVERDOSES OR DRUG CONCERNS?

Report Bad Drugs was developed to allow York Region Public Health to monitor and assess the level of risk to the community. Alerts to the community will depend on the severity of the situation.

## IF I AM REPORTING A BAD DRUG REACTION OR OVERDOSE, DO I HAVE TO DISCLOSE MY NAME? CAN I GET IN LEGAL TROUBLE?

Report Bad Drugs is completely anonymous. Please do not disclose your name or contact information when you are reporting.

## HOW WILL THIS TOOL HELP THE COMMUNITY?

Emergency department visits for opioid overdoses in York Region have slowly increased between 2007 and 2017. Report Bad Drugs can provide York Region Public Health with insight into overdoses and reactions that might not necessarily be reported to police, hospitals or paramedic services.

The anonymity of the tool allows people with experiences to openly share their reactions to street drugs in case the information can be used to warn others. The more people report, the more York Region Public Health can use the information to help the community.

## HOW CAN I RECEIVE YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH ALERTS REGARDING OVERDOSE AND DRUG CONCERNS?

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