

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Health Unit Confirms 13 Overdoses, 3 Deaths in Connection with Public Safety Alert

NORTH BAY, ON - Following an [urgent public safety alert from North Bay Police Service](#) and [a notice from Nipissing First Nation](#), the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) has confirmed 13 opioid-related overdoses were reported between March 30 and April 4 across the Nipissing district. Of the 13 overdoses, three resulted in death. Five of the nine survivors received at least one dose of naloxone at the scene.

The Health Unit has issued a community drug alert in response to these events and is advising people who use substances to take extra precautions, as street drugs may be cut or mixed with substances such as benzos (benzodiazepines), xylazine, medetomidine, fentanyl, or carfentanil.

The Health Unit advises:

- Check your drug with a testing strip, if available – though these strips can't detect many substances drugs may be cut with.
- Have naloxone on-hand and ensure your kit is well stocked.
- Use in a safe space with people you trust, and who are able to respond with multiple doses of naloxone, if needed.
- If using alone, call or text the National Overdose Response Line at [1-888-688-6677](tel:1-888-688-6677) or have a friend check-in on you.
- If your high feels unusual or if you are with someone who is experiencing an overdose, call 911.

People who use substances can access drug testing kits for fentanyl, xylazine, and benzodiazepines, as well as naloxone kits at the Health Unit or participating Needle Syringe Programs, which can be located using the [Find Supplies](#) map. Community members can access naloxone kits at [participating pharmacies](#).

For more information, visit myhealthunit.ca/naloxone.

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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY WARNING

Between March 30 and April 4, 2026, there were 13 reported opioid-related overdoses across the Nipissing District. Of the 13 overdoses, 3 resulted in death. If you use substances:

**CHECK THE DRUG WITH
A TESTING STRIP**

**CALL 911 IF YOUR HIGH
FEELS UNUSUAL**

**PICK UP FREE
NALOXONE KITS AT THE
HEALTH UNIT**

**DON'T USE DRUGS
ALONE. USE WITH
SOMEONE YOU TRUST**

