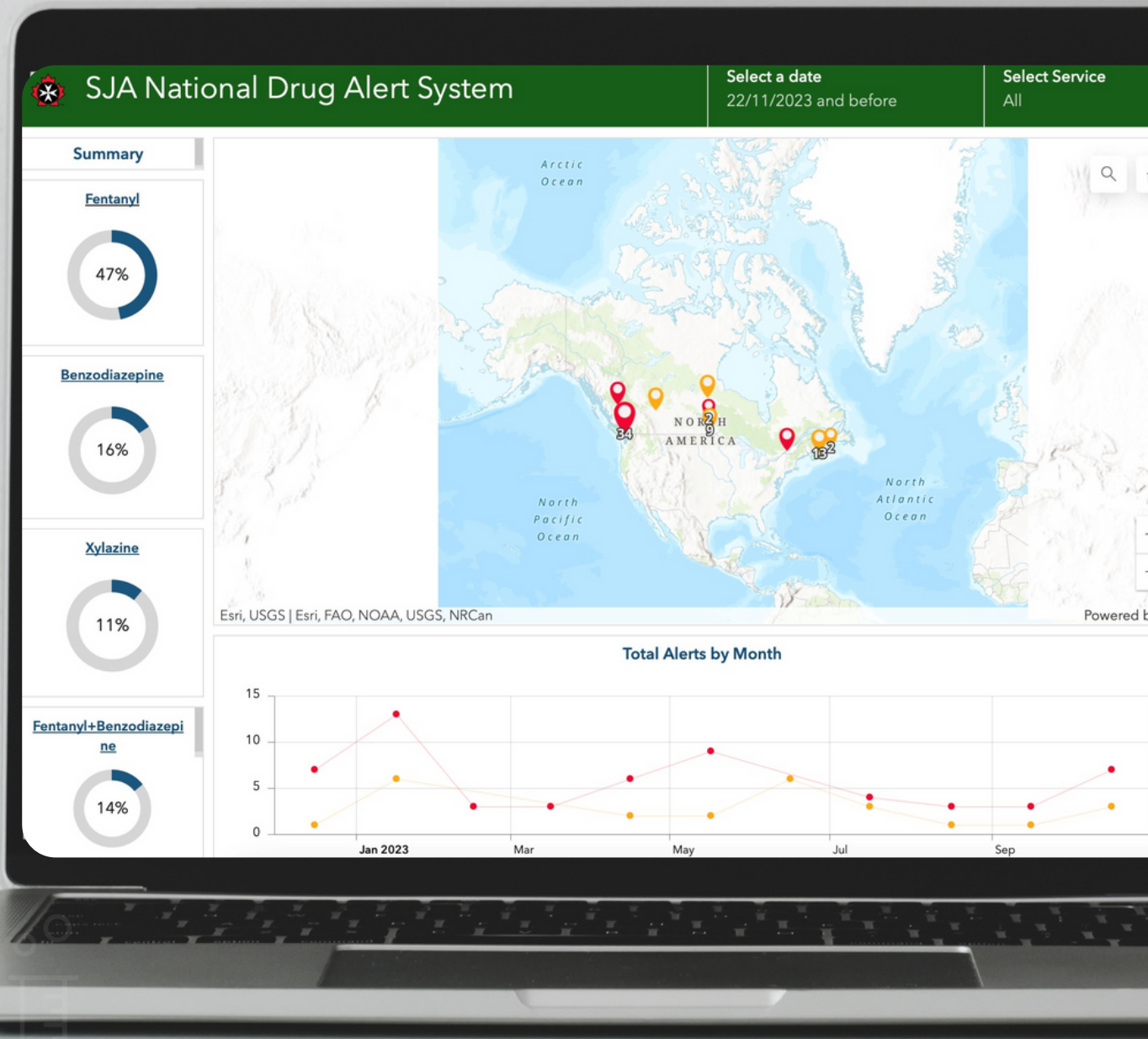


SJA NATIONAL DRUG ALERT SYSTEM

A Comprehensive Guide to Unregulated Supply Alerts





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Introduction

Welcome to the SJA National Drug Alert System guide. This system has been developed as a resource for people who use drugs, community members, healthcare workers, and social service providers, providing timely insights into the fluctuating drug supply.

It was launched on December 12th, 2022, by the Accidental Drug Poisoning Crisis – Community of Practice (ADPC-CoP) in response to the needs identified through a pilot program conducted by St. John Ambulance in June 2021. By compiling siloed drug alerts and trends into one reliable platform, this system fills a critical gap in our shared effort to safeguard communities amidst the current lack of a safer supply.

Alerts are contributed by drug checking organizations and harm reduction services, including overdose prevention sites and safe consumption sites from across the country, ensuring that the information provided about unpredictable drug supplies is both accurate and current.

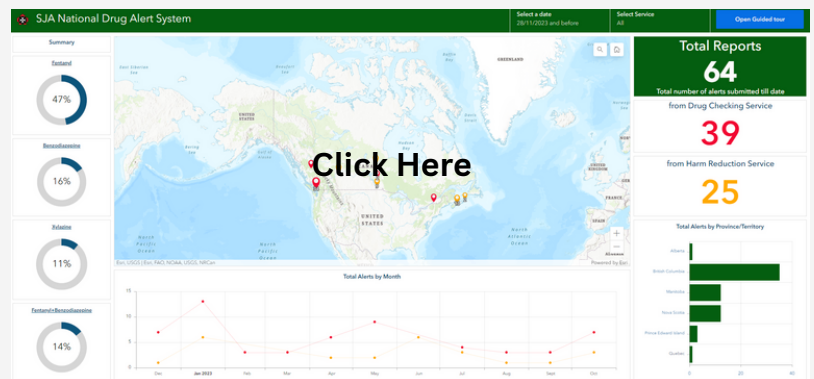


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How to Access Alerts

- **Email Subscription List:** Stay informed with alerts tailored to your interests. Sign up quickly and for free by clicking [here](#) to receive the latest information directly in your inbox. Choose your preferred area, and we'll send you notifications about the substances identified in your region. You can also find the subscription link on our website.
- **Social Media:** Follow us on ADPC-CoP's social media platforms—[Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). Here, you'll not only receive alerts but also updates on other programs and resources we offer. This includes our monthly community of practice meetings, where we discuss a range of topics relevant to those who support individuals who use drugs.
- **Interactive Dashboard:** Our dashboard offers a detailed map featuring all the alerts we have received. Each pin on the map represents an alert, providing in-depth information, including what the substance was sold as, its actual contents, and the associated risks. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Understanding an Alert

Website: <https://getyourdrugstested.com>

Date of report: 22 April 2023

Sold as: Not specified

Expected Substance(s): Down

Actual Composition: Bromazolam, Caffeine, Para-Fluorofentanyl, Unknown

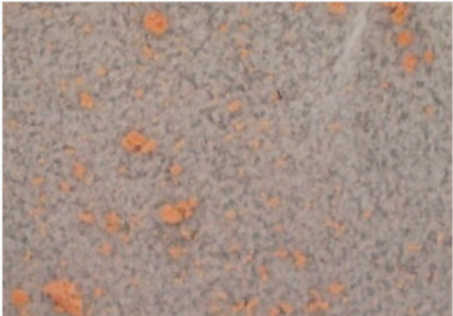
Confirmatory Test Conducted: Test strips

Color: Orange

Texture: Granules

Route of administration: Unknown

This sample contains high amounts of both fentanyl and benzodiazepines, which increases the risk of a complex atypical poisoning



DRUG ALERT

November 21st, 2023 | Provided By:
Get your drugs Tested

Location:
Vancouver, British Columbia

Sold as:
Down

Contains:
Fentanyl, Bromazolam, Xylazine,
Caffeine, Xylitol

Notes:
Purple Granules
This sample contains fentanyl, xylazine and bromazolam.
Combining opioids and benzodiazepines greatly increases
the risk of complex poisoning.



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Alert Pop-up on Alert System Dashboard

Email Alert Notification

Each alert issued by our system is structured to efficiently convey crucial information:

- **Date and Source:** This section informs you of the alert's issuance date and the organization responsible, ensuring you know the timeliness and credibility of the information.
- **Different Sources for Drug Alerts:** We receive alerts from two types of sources. Harm reduction organizations provide anecdotal reports, while drug checking organizations send alerts based on confirmatory tests conducted on substances. These tests often utilize technologies such as test strips and FTIR machines.

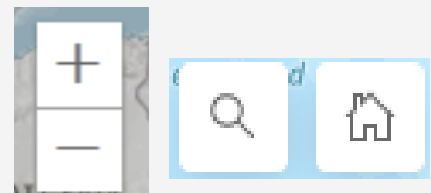
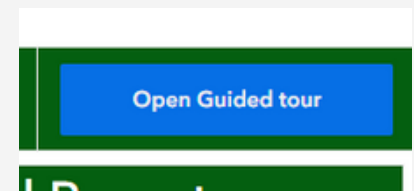
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- **Expected vs. Suspected Substance:** This highlights the difference between what users might expect and the potentially different substances present that may lead to unwanted effects. This is labeled as "suspected substance" in harm reduction alerts due to their anecdotal nature and the absence of confirmatory tests.
- **Expected vs. Actual Composition:** In alerts from drug checking organizations, this contrasts what users might expect with the actual contents verified through testing, noting unwanted or undesired effects. This is referred to as "actual composition" since these reports are based on confirmatory tests.
- **Notes, Confirmatory Test, and Physical Descriptions:** This section indicates if the substance has undergone testing, describes its appearance for easy identification, and includes additional details like risks and advisory notes related to the sample.

Navigating the Dashboard

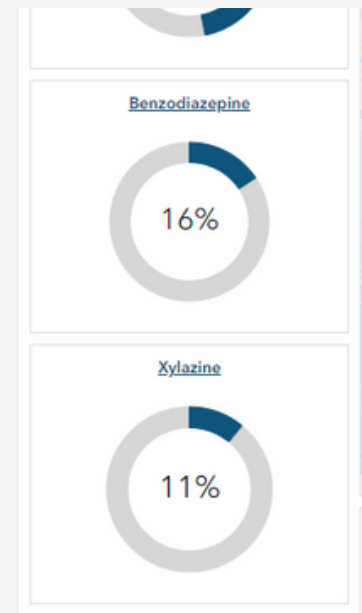
The **dashboard** includes several key features, each designed to enhance your understanding and interaction with the data:

- **Guided Tour:** This tool provides a detailed, step-by-step introduction to each component of the dashboard, helping you learn how to navigate and utilize the system effectively.
- **Home/Zoom/Search Functionality:** These interactive features allow you to either zoom in for a more detailed view of a specific area or search for alerts in particular locations.
- **Map with Pins:** At the heart of the dashboard is an interactive map marked with color-coded pins. Red pins signify alerts from drug checking services, which are based on confirmatory tests, while yellow pins represent alerts from harm reduction services, often based on anecdotal evidence. Clicking on these pins reveals comprehensive information about each alert, including the nature and contents of the substance involved.



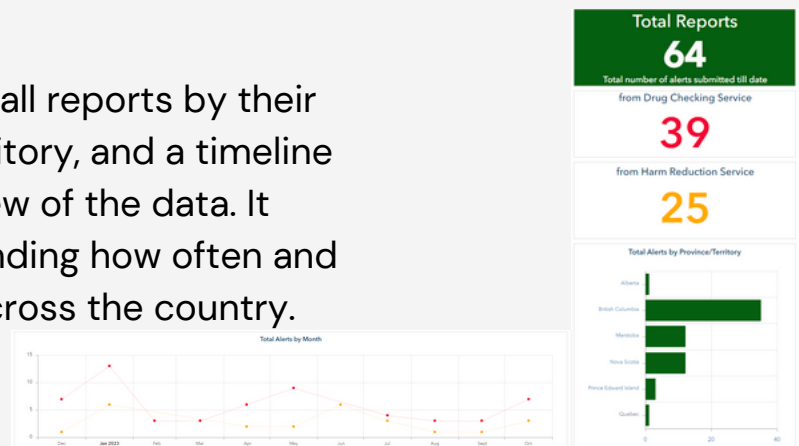
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- **Summary Charts:** Trend Analysis: This feature shows overall reports by their source, alerts sorted by province or territory, and a timeline of alerts received, giving a broad overview of the data. It simplifies spotting trends and understanding how often and where alert reports are received from across the country.
- **Customizable Filters:** The dashboard also includes filters that allow users to tailor the displayed information. By selecting specific dates or types of services, you can focus your search, making the data more relevant based on your individual or organizational needs.
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Summary

The SJA National Drug Alert System provides you with real-time information essential for addressing the accidental drug poisoning crisis. More than just a tool, it symbolizes collaborative efforts, uniting various stakeholders in a shared mission to reduce harm and enhance safety in our communities. **Subscribe here**, to join a broader network, help you stay informed in the face of this unpredictable supply.