

Queensland Drug Warning

Fake oxycodone tablets containing a strong nitazene opioid

CheQpoint, a state-funded drug checking service has detected a nitazene in counterfeit oxycodone tablets. The site where the detection was made is Bowen Hills, Brisbane. The counterfeit tablets are round, blue, and bear M 30 markings.

Nitazenes are a group of very strong opioids that work like heroin or fentanyl and can produce life-threatening toxicity in small amounts.

Toxic Effects

The toxic effects of nitazenes are similar to other opioids and include:

- Sedation
- Coma
- Slow or obstructed breathing
- Respiratory failure that can lead to death

These effects should respond to naloxone, and it should be used if available (more information on accessing naloxone below).

Information and Advice

Queensland Health advises that you **do not consume** counterfeit, fake or altered medications and substances. If you suspect you have these tablets please dispose of them safely.

Seek medical attention immediately if you or someone you know experiences any toxic effects following drug use.

Queensland Health encourages any person considering taking drugs to have them tested where services are available. Free and confidential drug checking services are available in Brisbane and the Gold Coast at the following locations:

- 2pm – 6pm Friday, 1 Hamilton Place, Bowen Hills
- 2pm – 6pm Friday, Shop 12/89-99 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads

Naloxone will reverse an opioid overdose; it is available for free from registered pharmacies and services through the national Take Home Naloxone program. Use this link to find your closest site participating in the program [Take Home Naloxone \(THN\) Program Participating Site Locator \(arcqis.com\)](https://arcqis.com)

For help

- Call Triple Zero (000) for emergency assistance
- Go to your nearest emergency department
- Call the Queensland Poisons Information Centre (13 11 26)
- Adis 24/7 Alcohol and Drug Support (1800 177 833 or www.adis.health.qld.gov.au)

