

DRUG CHECKING SUMMARY

January 2026

31

drug tests completed

6

test results contained only
the expected substance

Substances tested in January contained numerous unexpected results. Samples presumed to be fentanyl contained xylazine, carfentanil, heroin, and methamphetamine. Samples presumed to be cocaine or crack cocaine contained phenacetin.

80.6%

of samples contained
unexpected substances



DRUG ALERT:
Phenacetin has been
found in samples
presumed to be cocaine
and crack cocaine.
Phenacetin is a known
carcinogen and is not
safe for human
consumption.

PHENACETIN

WITHDRAWN PAIN RELIEVER

WHAT IS IT?

Phenacetin was a pain relief medication that was pulled from the Canadian market in the 1970s after it was linked to kidney and bladder cancers. Phenacetin is often found cut into samples presumed to be cocaine, although it has also been found in samples presumed to be fentanyl.

POTENCY

Its potency is similar to that of other pain relief medications, such as acetaminophen.

WHAT WILL IT DO?

Phenacetin might induce some minor euphoria when combined with other substances. It is a known carcinogen and could increase serious health risks with prolonged use.



CAN I OVERDOSE ON PHENACETIN?

No, you cannot overdose on Phenacetin. However, since it is cut with other substances, responding appropriately to an overdose is always recommended. Administer Naloxone and call 911 if you suspect an overdose.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF AN OVERDOSE

When combined with other substances:

- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Hallucinations
- Irregular heart rate

TIPS

- Get your drugs tested
- Start with a small amount
- Don't use alone
- Carry Naloxone
- Download the LifeGuard App

MOBILE DRUG CHECKING HOURS AND CONTACT

807-630-8631
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

