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# BROMONORDIAZEPAM FOUND IN COUNTERFEIT 'XANAX' PILL

**A WHITE PRESSED BAR PILL WITH 'XANAX' PRESS AND A '2' PRESS ON THE BACK** that was expected to contain alprazolam (Xanax) was found to contain bromonordiazepam instead.

Bromonordiazepam is a novel benzodiazepine, or "benzo".  
Benzos are drugs typically used to sedate and treat anxiety.  
They're classified as depressants and can have a very long half-life.

**Effects:** Benzos can cause drowsiness, dizziness, memory loss and impaired coordination. Effects and how long they last vary widely with benzos. Overdose risks can include respiratory depression, including death. Because of this, you should wait longer intervals before using another depressant (over 72hrs in some cases) to avoid the risk of an overdose.

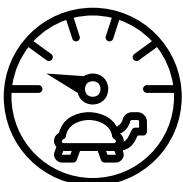
Your risk of harm is significantly increased if using depressants such as alcohol, GHB or opiates with benzos, consuming multiple different benzos in one pill or by consuming multiple benzo pills.

Test your stuff. Some counterfeit pharmaceuticals can look very convincing and even be in 'branded' blister packs or packaging that appears authentic. Xanax is not available from Australian pharmacies, so expect most if not all Xanax bars to be counterfeit, containing novel benzodiazepines instead of or in addition to alprazolam.

## REDUCE THE HARM



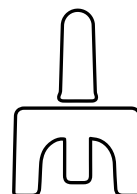
(Naloxone can't reverse a benzo overdose, but it can reverse an unexpected opioid overdose)



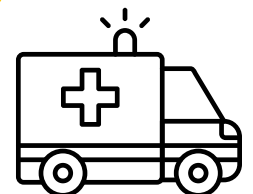
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GO SLOW



TEST IT BEFORE  
YOU TAKE IT



CARRY  
NALOXONE



POSSIBLE OVERDOSE?  
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