

**A WHITE PRESSED PILL** expected to contain only diazepam was instead found to contain clonazepam, tapentadol, donepezil and denatonium as well as diazepam.

Diazepam and clonazepam are both benzodiazepines. Benzos are drugs typically used to sedate and treat anxiety, with diazepam having a shorter duration than clonazepam, which is more potent.

Tapentadol is a synthetic opioid analgesic.

Donepezil is a drug typically used to treat memory loss and confusion in people who have Alzheimer's disease.

Denatonium is a bitter chemical compound typically used as a deterrent to accidental ingestion (like cleaning supplies). It's been observed in QLD in benzo samples.

Effects of consuming a combination of drugs like the ones found in this sample can be serious - with benzos and tapentadol having a major drug interaction.

Test your stuff. A global trend is that unregulated or counterfeit pharmaceuticals, such as benzodiazepines, are becoming more common and very convincing, making them hard to distinguish from legitimate pharmaceutical products. Often these counterfeit products contain new psychoactive substances or other, unexpected benzos. In some cases, there are several different benzos inside a single pill - drastically raising the risk for users.

## REDUCE THE HARM



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



START LOW, GO SLOW



TEST IT BEFORE
YOU TAKE IT



