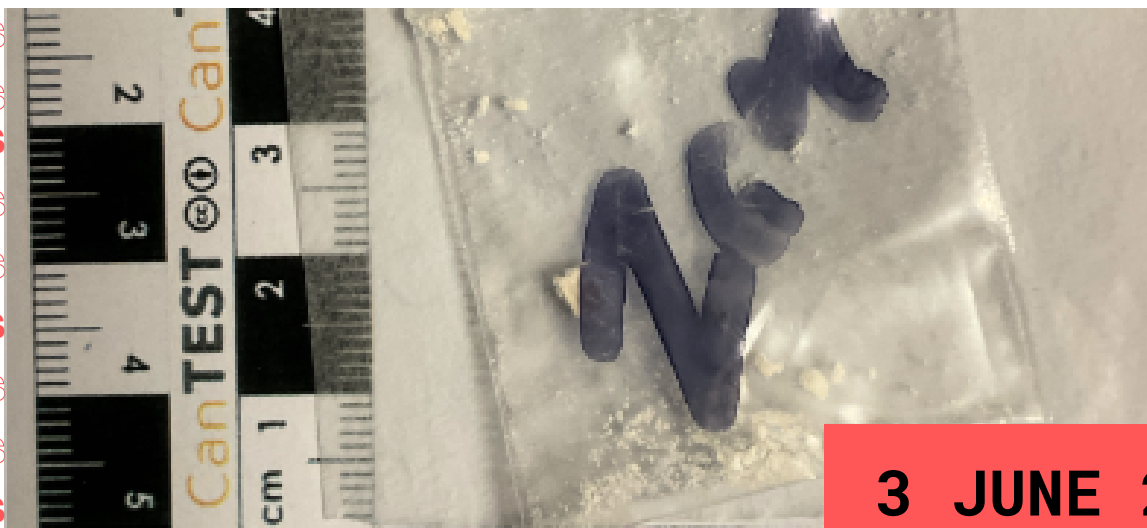


CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTES  
CANTESNOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE  
NOTICE

3 JUNE 2025

# PROTONITAZENE, BROMAZOLAM, ALPRAZOLAM AND DIAZEPAM FOUND IN CRUSHED PARTIAL 'XANAX' PILL

**A CRUSHED PARTIAL WHITE PILL** (reported by the client to have been a 'Xanax' bar) was expected to contain alprazolam (the active ingredient in Xanax). However, testing identified a combination of alprazolam, bromazolam, diazepam, and the potent synthetic opioid protonitazene. The pill was sourced locally (ACT region).

**Protonitazene** is a highly potent synthetic opioid - more than 200 times stronger than morphine. Even tiny amounts can cause overdose. **Bromazolam, Alprazolam and Diazepam** are all benzodiazepines - sedatives that vary widely in strength, onset, and duration. When mixed with opioids, they significantly depressant overdose. **Bromazolam** is a new benzodiazepine that has strong sedative effects. There's limited info available about it, and it hasn't been used in human trials.

**Alprazolam** is not readily available from Australian pharmacies. While other brands containing alprazolam can be obtained on prescription, most if not all 'Xanax' bars can be expected to be counterfeit.

**Nitazenes** can cause opioid-like effects (drowsiness, slowed or stopped breathing, loss of consciousness, cold or clammy skin, tiny pupils etc). These can all be signs of an overdose. Some nitazenes may require more than one dose of naloxone and ongoing monitoring, as effects can return after an initial revival.

**Benzos (like bromazolam, alprazolam and diazepam)** can cause sedation, memory loss and loss of coordination. When combined with opioids, they increase the risk of overdose. Always assume that your drugs may not be what you expect. Some counterfeit pharmaceuticals can look very convincing and even be in 'branded' blister packs or packaging that appears authentic.

## EFFECTS

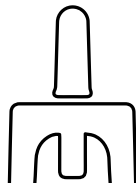
## REDUCE THE HARM



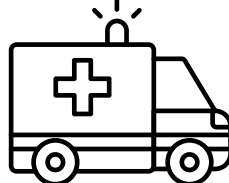
START LOW,  
GO SLOW



TEST IT BEFORE  
YOU TAKE IT



CARRY  
NALOXONE



POSSIBLE OVERDOSE?  
CALL 000

All nitazenes carry a high risk of overdose - even in very small amounts. It's difficult for health services to provide safer use advice due to limited evidence that they can or should be safely used - being informed, carrying naloxone, and staying with others can reduce potential harm.