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2-OXO-PCE FOUND IN 'KETAMINE' SAMPLE

A WHITE POWDER SAMPLE that was expected to contain ketamine was found to contain 2-oxo-PCE (*O-PCE,N*-ethyldeschloroketamine) - a psychoactive substance that has dissociative effects, similar to but more potent than ketamine.

Effects of 2-oxo-PCE can include psychedelic experiences, which are described as more potent and stimulating and much longer-acting than ketamine (approx. 3-6 hours compared to 30-60 minutes). Even small amounts (35-40mg) can produce noticeable adverse effects. Users have described the experience as more disorientating or distressing than ketamine.

While this sample was expected to contain ketamine, 2-oxo-PCE has been detected in other jurisdictions recently in substances that were expected to be methamphetamine or MDMA. Users expecting these are likely to experience unexpected dissociative effects and there is a greater risk of harm including psychological distress as a result of not being prepared for or familiar with dissociatives.

Your risk of harm is significantly increased if using depressants such as alcohol, GHB, benzos or opioids with 2-oxo-PCE - with an increased risk of sedation and disorientation, and when mixed with stimulants, 2-oxo-PCE could increase the risk of anxiety.

REDUCE THE HARM

(Naloxone can't reverse a dissociative or stimulant overdose, but it can reverse an unexpected opioid overdose)

START LOW, GO SLOW

TEST IT BEFORE YOU TAKE IT

NEVER USE ALONE

CARRY NALOXONE

POSSIBLE OVERDOSE? CALL 000