CANTEST COMMUNITY NOTICE

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RILMAZAFONE FOUND IN 'OPIOID' CAPSULE

A CAPSULE FILLED WITH OFF-WHITE POWDER expected to contain an unknown opioid was found to contain Rilmazafone.

Rilmazafone is a benzodiazepine **prodrug**, meaning the body converts the substance into a benzo after consumption (rilmazolam).
Because of the conversion time in the body, the onset of effects can be delayed and may take 2-3hours or more.
Rilmazafone is not readily available in Australia, but is prescribed in Japan as a hypnotic/insomnia treatment (branded as 'Rhythmy').
It's use has been linked to fatalities in Europe in recent years.

EFFECTS

Effects can be sedative and hypnotic, including slowed motor-skills and memory impairement, and next-day residual 'hangover' effects are common. The risk of harm is significantly increased if using depressants such as alcohol, GHB or opioids at the same time, or consuming multiple pills. This sample shows you can't tell what's in your drugs just by looking at them, and you can't always rely on what you've been told being accurate. A global trend is that unregulated or counterfeit pharmaceuticals, such as benzos, are becoming more common and very convincing, making them hard to distinguish from legitimate pharmaceutical products.

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

CARRY NALOXONE

POSSIBLE OVERDOSE? CALL 000