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Incident: Abbotsford Police Warn of "Bad" Heroin

Abbotsford – May 25, 2011.

The Abbotsford Police Department is warning that high potency heroin presently being distributed in the City of Abbotsford and elsewhere in the Lower Mainland is resulting in an increase of overdose deaths. Between January and April 2011 there were two confirmed heroin overdose deaths in Abbotsford. This compares to zero in the same period last year. Since then there have been other deaths, which are still under investigation, where heroin overdose is suspected. Some tested heroin has been shown to be 2 or 3 times the regular potency.

Public safety includes all of the citizens of Abbotsford and our front line officers have been communicating this message to drug users in our city since Fraser Health and the BC Coroners Service embarked on similar warnings earlier this month.

Users of heroin should ensure that they never shoot up alone and that they significantly lower their dose.

Please call 911 in the event that you or anyone you are with begins to present overdose symptoms.

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