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Incident: Another Ecstasy Overdose – Police Continue Warning

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A New Year's Eve party turned tragic when a 24 year old woman, who was part of a group of four friends, began to have a reaction to ecstasy which resulted in her becoming unconscious and unresponsive. The woman was treated by BC Ambulance and Abbotsford Fire Rescue personnel on scene at a residence in the 33700 block of George Ferguson Way before being transported to hospital.

The 24 year old woman remains in hospital in critical condition. Her friends have been very forthcoming with police and have indicated that they all ingested ecstasy although they suspect they took smaller quantities than the overdose victim. Unlike a recent incident where ecstasy use was linked to the pursuit of weight loss, in this instance it was exclusively used by the group as their recreational drug of choice.

It is for this reason that the Abbotsford Police are again warning parents, youths and citizens of the risks involved in taking illicit drugs in any form or quantity. This is the second incident in just over a week where one in four friends using the same drug has been taken to hospital. The first incident resulted in death. Our thoughts and prayers are with the 24 year old woman and her family as she continues battling for her life.

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