# **DRUG WARNING**

### 'MDMA (ECSTASY) POWDER' found to contain:

## 25C-NBOMe, a synthetic hallucinogen; and

4-fluoroamphetamine, a stimulant.

#### Know the risks

- The NBOMe drugs can cause vivid hallucinations, violence, fear and agitation, the combination of which can lead to accidents, harm to self and others. These drugs are potent and can be life threatening.
- 4-fluoroamphetamine causes similar effects to MDMA and amphetamine.
- You are at increased risk of harm:
  - If you use drugs alone
  - As your dose increases
  - If you use with other substances that cause hallucinations e.g. LSD, ketamine; or stimulants e.g. MDMA, cocaine or methamphetamine.
- The current cluster in NSW appears to be a light brown powder misrepresented as MDMA. NBOMe drugs are usually found in the form of blotting paper, liquid and tablets. They can also be misrepresented as LSD.

#### Effects to look out for

Serious adverse effects may include violent behaviour, vivid hallucinations, fever, agitation, derealisation and depersonalisation.

#### **Getting help**

If you see the warning signs of unexpected drug reactions

Seek help immediately from your nearest emergency department or call <u>Triple Zero (000)</u>.

Start *CPR* if someone is not breathing.

## 25C-NBOMe is a potent hallucinogenic drug, and was misrepresented as <u>light</u> brown MDMA (ECSTASY) POWDER



in Sydney. There have been several hospitalisations in June 2021.

#### Support and advice

For free and confidential advice:

- Call <u>Alcohol and Drug Information</u> <u>Service</u> (ADIS) on 1800 250 015 at any time 24/7. Start a <u>Web Chat</u> with an ADIS counsellor Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm.
- Call <u>NUAA</u> on 1800 644 413 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) to speak to a peer or visit <u>NUAA</u> for a range of resources.
- Call the <u>NSW Poisons Information Centre</u> on 13 11 26 for information on adverse effects from drugs.
- Visit <u>Your Room</u> for fact sheets and other resources.

#### Take Home Naloxone Program

- It is becoming more common for substances to be contaminated with opioids. Signs include loss of consciousness, slow/difficult breathing, skin turning blue. Anyone who uses drugs can get naloxone, which reverses opioid overdose.
- Naloxone is free, for participating locations and more information: <u>https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/gettinghelp/Pages/Naloxone.aspx</u>.

Call '000' even if naloxone has been administered.

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/publicdrug-alerts/Pages/default.aspx



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