

Public health alert from Tasmanian Department of Health, and drug notifications from the Victorian Pill Testing Service and Victoria Department of Health:

A potent opioid from the novel U-class has been detected in Tasmania

The Tasmanian Department of Health has issued a public health alert, after an **overdose-related death** that may have been associated with the use of an illicit drug containing a strong opioid that **the person may not have known about**.

The alert can be accessed on:

- The Know - Australian drug alerts [New drug detected in Tasmania](#)
 - Tasmanian Department of Health [social media](#)
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Methamphetamine detected in samples expected to be ketamine

The Victorian Pill Testing Service has issued a general notification about three separate samples of white crystals tested at the Victorian Pill Testing Service. The samples were found to contain ketamine **and** methamphetamine.

The alert can be accessed on:

- The Know - Australian Drug alerts - [Methamphetamine detected in samples expected to be ketamine](#)
 - The [Victorian Pill Testing Service](#)
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Nitazene found in a yellow tinted powder in Melbourne

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A [drug alert](#) has been published by **Victoria Department of Health**.

*'One person **required emergency care after they experienced an opioid overdose after using an unknown yellow tinted powder.***

Specialised blood tests showed evidence of N-Desethyl Etonitazene, a novel synthetic opioid.'

- **Naloxone is a medicine that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose and save a life.** It is easy to use and is available as a nasal spray or pre-filled injection.
- **Naloxone is free in NSW and you don't need a prescription.**
- **Consider carrying naloxone** if you use opioids, use other drugs that may unexpectedly contain opioids, or might be around someone at risk of an opioid overdose.
- **Find naloxone near you:** [search for a participating provider](#) or order through [NUAA](#) Postal Take Home Naloxone.

Access drug alerts from across Australian jurisdictions at [The Know](#)