



# MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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### A Precautionary Warning for Our Community

**March 20, 2025** – After hearing anecdotal reports in our community about unexpected reactions to illicit recreational drugs, we have issued this alert as a precaution to keep people safe. We would rather share as soon as possible, even without all the details, than wait and risk someone getting hurt.

This alert follows a *standard community harm reduction approach*, consistent with practices in neighbouring communities and municipalities. It is meant to inform the people most vulnerable to potential risks of drug use.

We know this alert might worry people, but our focus is protecting those at risk. **To anyone using drugs: You matter. We care about your safety. We are here to help.**

Harm reduction is about caring for our community. Please respond with compassion — judgement only isolates people and increases the risk of harm.

#### What We Know:

- People have reported unexpected reactions to drugs like crack and cocaine, but it's important to note that ALL illicit recreational drugs carry risk.
- **This alert, and the reports we received DO NOT involve Cannabis.**
- We do not know exactly what caused unexpected reactions, but we want everyone who uses drugs to stay alert until we learn more. It is possible the current batch of illicit substances are mixed with a substance we have not seen here before.

#### What we are going to do about it:

1. **Harm Reduction Expansion:** We are introducing drug checking kits into our harm reduction supplies. These kits will allow individuals to test substances for contaminants before use. Details on how to access these kits to follow.
2. **Community Education Event:** A public session will be held to discuss risks in the illicit drug supply, provide safety strategies and distribute kits. Details to come shortly.
3. **Support Access:** Concerned individuals can contact the Good Minds Person on Duty at 613-967-0122 extension184 or visit our After-Hours Drop-In on Wednesdays between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. for support or supplies.
4. **Naloxone Kits** are immediately available upon request. To access, please contact the Good Minds Person on Duty at 613-967-0122 extension184 or visit our After-Hours Drop-In on Wednesdays between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.. Please note that some limited delivery options may be available.

**Next Steps:**

- Drug checking kits will be available soon, details to follow.
- Community education event details will be announced by end of day Friday, March 21, 2025.

For updates, contact Good Minds Person on Duty at 613-967-0122 extension 184.

**Resources:**

- Good Minds Person on Duty: 613-967-0122 extension 184 – Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily, walk-ins welcome.
- After Hours Drop-In: Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Community Wellbeing Centre, Social Side.
- Indigenous Victim/Crisis Services: 24/7 – 613-813-9667
- Emergency Services: 9-1-1