

What's in Reno's Drug Supply?

Results Summary - September/October 2025



What the Cut is a free, anonymous, confidential **drug checking program** that analyzes tiny samples of drugs to understand what's actually in them.

39 samples tested in 2025 so far

Overview: Fall 2025

12 samples provided between September and October 2025

Samples were believed to be:



- Methamphetamine (7)
- Unknown (3)
- Fentanyl (1)
- THC (1)

What did we see?



7 samples have returned results

One sample was unknown but contained ketamine and cocaine.

One sample was expected to be **fentanyl** and contained only fentanyl and its related chemicals.

Of **five samples** expected to be **methamphetamine (meth)**,

- All five samples showed only meth and its related chemicals

However, these samples varied in purity, ranging from 20% - 59%. This means all of the samples only contained meth, but purity of the samples varied.

In summary, samples expected to be meth and fentanyl **contained only the expected drug!**

What are we hearing?

Some community members recently have described responding to fentanyl overdoses where the person's symptoms and behavior was strange or alarming.

Unusual overdose experiences



We don't know exactly why this is happening, but we've observed an overdosing person is:

unconscious and not breathing but will briefly **react, open their eyes, or gasp for air** when moved or repositioned.

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A Closer Look

Strange Overdose Reactions

As discussed, some community members describe recently responding to **fentanyl overdoses** where the unconscious person will gasp, react, or briefly become awake when they are moved.

We don't know what is causing these reactions, but we suggest being prepared for unusual reactions. If this happens to you, please come in and talk to us about it.

The overdose may be longer or scarier, but the basics still work.



What Can You Do?

- Avoid mixing drugs– using opioids with alcohol, benzos, or stimulants can increase the risk of overdose.
- Avoid using alone and stay aware of your environment.
- Give Narcan and rescue breaths if overdosing and not breathing.
- Make sure the unconscious person is in a position they can breathe in.
- Call 911: Nevada laws protect you.
- Stay with them until they are breathing and awake or medical help arrives.

S – shake / stimulate
C – call 911
A – check airway
R – give rescue air
E – evaluate

M – medicine (Narcan)
E – evaluate & support them

remember to
SCARE ME!

Why Drug Checking?



To date, we have analyzed a total of **69 drug samples** from the Reno community.

Even if you trust your source, unexpected or dangerous substances could be in your drugs. What The Cut's **drug checking program** helps you make informed decisions about what you put into your body.

Visit us at **719 W 5th St** to learn more!

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