

# DRUG CHECKING OPTIONS IN GUELPH

This infographic has information about drug testing options available in the community & other resources to support safer substance use.

## WHY CHECK YOUR DRUGS?

Unregulated drugs might contain substances that can increase the risk of drug poisoning. Drug checking aims to reduce harms by providing people the ability to make informed decisions about the substances they are using.

Please note that no drug checking technology can guarantee completely accurate results.



## SCATR MACHINE



The Scatr machine is a small device that uses laser technology to test a small sample (about 2mg) of a powdered or crystallized substance. The sample is placed into the machine for analysis. Information about what's in the sample will be available in under 15 minutes. The sample will be returned unharmed.

This service is free, confidential and personal information isn't required to use the device

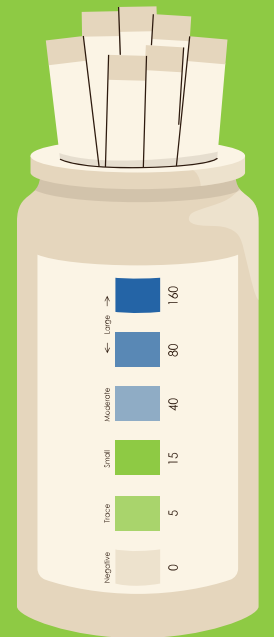
The Scatr machine is available on the main floor of the **Guelph Community Health Centre (176 Wyndham North)** subject to availability

## TEST STRIPS

Test strips are a simple drug checking technology that allow people to test their drug to understand whether fentanyl (or fentanyl analogues) may be present. Drug testing strips are also available to test substances for the presence of Xylazine (Tranq) and Benzodiazepines.

To use a test strip test, you add a very small amount of a substance to water, dip the test strip into the solution and wait a few minutes for the result.

Organizations can purchase test strips directly through the [BTNX website](#). Individual test strips are also available from the Sanguen van for people who use substances. For more instructions on how to use the strips, or information on the Sanguen Van, contact [sbeaumont@sanguen.com](mailto:sbeaumont@sanguen.com)



## NORS

If drug checking isn't available, the National Overdose Response System (NORS) is a free overdose prevention service that is available 24/7. NORS will connect people over the phone and provide non-judgmental support and monitoring for people using drugs alone.

**1-888-688-NORS (6677)**

Toronto Drug Checking Service website provides additional information and resources on drug testing. An overview of other drug testing technologies can be found on their website here: <https://drugchecking.community/>

