**Drug alert**

**An off-white powder sold as ‘2C-B’ contains two synthetic drugs with a high risk of toxic effects.**

**25C-NBOMe and 4-FA are synthetic drugs with psychedelic + stimulant properties**

**25C-NBOMe** is a highly potent synthetic drug. People who have intentionally used this substance report it has unpredictable, stimulating psychedelic effects. The substance has been associated with a substantial number of hospitalisations and deaths worldwide. Common adverse effects include agitation, aggression, confusion, dangerously high body temperature and seizures.

**4-Fluoroamphetamine** (4-FA) is an amphetamine-type stimulant with both stimulating and ‘entactogenic’ properties. This means it increases sociability and empathy, but also elevates heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature.

**Be extremely cautious of any white or off-white powder sold as ‘2C-B’ or a psychedelic – it may contain 25C-NBOME and 4-FA**

This product was recently detected in the ACT and is **understood to be circulating in Victoria**. It presents as a **white or off-white powder** that **may be ‘clumped’** and **may come in a clear gel capsule**.

**Compared to 2C-B**, 25C-NBOMe and 4-FA are significantly more likely to produce adverse effects such as confusion, agitation, unease or distress, and unpleasant hallucinations.

**25C-NBOMe and 4-FA is a very hazardous combination** which caused five deaths in Victoria between 2016 and 2017 among people who thought they were using MDMA. The presence of these two substances in a single product increases the risk of serious adverse effects. **There is a greater risk of adverse effects and harm when 25C-NBOMe is consumed via nasal insufflation (snorting)**, injection or sublingually (under the tongue).

**Reduce the risk of harm**

If you experience adverse drug effects, or are present when someone has an unexpected reaction, **seek help immediately by calling Triple Zero (000)**.

All alcohol and other drug use comes with risks, so:

* **Be aware** that other false or contaminated drug products may circulate in Victoria, even if no specific warning has been issued about them.
* Make sure you’re in a **safe environment with people you trust**.
* **Remember**, even ‘pure’ drugs can produce serious side effects and death, and can interact dangerously with medications/pharmaceutical drugs. Get the facts at: [adf.org.au/drug-facts/](https://adf.org.au/drug-facts/). Some **common mental health medications** – such as **SSRIs**, **SNRIs** and **TCAs** – may increase the risk of toxicity from stimulants. Always seek information about your medications before mixing with other substances.

Contact **Harm Reduction Victoria’s DanceWize team** for anonymous support and education from peers. Talk to DanceWize volunteers by email at info@dancewize.org.au.

If you or someone you know needs help with alcohol or drug use, call DirectLine on 1800 888 236 or visit [directline.org.au](https://www.directline.org.au/) for information and support to access treatment.