



## Confidentiality of Data

The individual making the report commits, for the person who provides the information (victim, witness, other), to gather and transmit all information received confidentially.

The Department of Public Health commits to treating all information confidentially. The form shall be received at a confidential fax at the offices of the Department of Public Health. No data enabling identification of the victim or witnesses of the overdose shall be forwarded to an external party.

## Explanatory Notes

### Who can report?

This form is primarily destined for use by professionals of the health network to report on situations reported to them. It may be used by other interveners as needed.

### What to report?

When a situation is considered unusual or worrying related to a drug overdose or opioids overdose as:

- The overdose responds to a **severity criterion** (ex.: intubation, hospitalisation, death, etc.);
- **number of overdose cases that seems higher** than usual, or;
- the symptoms of the overdose that seems **particularly severe or unusual to the substance consumed**, or;
- the circumstances are **unusual**.

### Who to signal?

- **during office hours:** [surveillance.vigie.nrbhss@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:surveillance.vigie.nrbhss@ssss.gouv.qc.ca)
- **outside office hours:** Physician on duty for Public Health 1-855-964-2244 (toll free) or 1-819-299-2990

### Explanations on sections of the form

Although it is not obligatory to fill out all sections of the form, it is strongly encouraged to send a maximum of information. The elements of particular importance for documentation are the **date** of the overdose, the **place** of the overdose and the description of the **products consumed**.

### Date and place of overdose

The information on the date and place of the overdose can help determine whether an outbreak of overdoses is under way. Additional details for the purpose of better geographic identification of the overdose location can be useful if the victim or witness agrees to provide them (e.g., intersection, known public place).

### Products consumed, form, appearance and packaging

It is important to gather information on all the products consumed before the overdose and not only on the product that the victim or witness believes caused the overdose. If possible, note additional details on the product and its packaging (e.g., format, colour, logo, distinctive signs).

### Other pertinent information

As needed, use an additional sheet to provide any additional information that could help document and explain the situation.