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Adrenaline is the new party drug in NT

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Drug users in the desert town of Alice Springs have started injecting illegal adrenaline, prompting police to warn "the new speed" could kill.

The drug, normally used by medics to treat people suffering extreme asthma attacks or allergic reactions, is being sold on the streets in glass containers with blue stoppers.

Detective acting Superintendent Michael Murphy called it a "new health threat" and has warned the public to be wary of the new party drug.


"This new recreational drug has the potential to cause death in some people," Detective Murphy said.

"Adrenaline is usually only used in cases of extreme emergency for such things as severe allergic reactions or during acute asthma attacks for breathing difficulties.

"Used outside these circumstances, it has proved fatal in the past and the community should be warned of the potentially fatal consequences," he said.

Other symptoms of adrenaline overdose include, massive haemorrhage into the brain, weakness, dizziness, convulsions, nausea and vomiting, abnormal heartbeat or palpitations, visual distortion and major anxiety.

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