



**XYLAZINE HAS BEEN FOUND
IN ILLICIT SUBSTANCES IN
BALTIMORE CITY**

**STAY ALERT
AND VIGILANT**

Please report overdoses to Poison Control - 1-800-222-1222



Xylazine is impacting overdose death in a major way in Baltimore.

Xylazine is commonly used as a filler in heroin. Xylazine is also frequently found in a combination with heroin and cocaine called a “speedball”. Xylazine has been implicated as a cause, or contributing cause, of death in several cases both alone and in combination with other drugs.

Xylazine was discovered as an antihypertensive agent in 1962 by Farbenfabriken Bayer in Germany. Due to its hazardous side effects, including sedation, hypotension, and bradycardia, it was not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for human use. The FDA did however approve it for veterinary use, and it is now used as an animal tranquilizer and a sedative, analgesic, and muscle relaxant

