

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT: STIMULANTS

The HSE have issued two Public Health alerts in May 2014 in relation to **Ecstasy like substances that have been linked to a number of deaths across Ireland.**

While investigations are still ongoing, there is sufficient evidence available to recommend that people do not take these substances or if their friends are in possession of these that they should not be consumed.

Green Apple / Green Rolex & other stimulants:

Green pills with an Apple or Rolex symbol appear have to been implicated in some of these incidents. Other stimulants indicated include cocaine, and amphetamines which in some circumstances have been taken in combination.

Double Cross / Double Black:

This is also an Ecstasy type substance implicated in the death of one man and the serious illness of four others in Donegal.



Green Apple



Green Rolex

NEGATIVE PHYSICAL SIGNS:

- Severe agitation
- Extremely rapid heart rate
- Extremely high temperature

SEEK MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY

Even with prompt medical attention unfortunately some people have died taking these stimulants.

THERE ARE POTENTIAL DANGERS IN TAKING SUBSTANCES IN COMBINATIONS, INCLUDING IN COMBINATION WITH ALCOHOL.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

LISTEN:

Professor Joe Barry on Morning Ireland

May 23rd 2014: <http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2014/0523/20583838-hse-issue-alert-over-drug-related-death/>

READ:

May 23rd 2014: <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/warning-over-lethal-batch-of-ecstasy-269630.html>

May 28th 2014: <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/drug-warning-as-man-fights-for-life-after-friend-dies-30306680.html>

A yellow rectangular logo with a black border. At the top, it says "Drug & Alcohol Helpline" in bold black text. Below that, "Freephone" in smaller text, followed by the large number "1800 459 459". Underneath is "Email Support" and the email address "helpline@hse.ie". At the bottom, it says "Confidential support & information service" and the website "www.hse.ie/go/drugshelpline". There are two downward-pointing arrows on the left and right sides, with the text "Please Turn Over" below each. The HSE logo is in the center bottom, with the text "Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte" and "Health Service Executive" below it.

Open Mon-Friday 9:30 to 5:30