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Thread: ['Tranq' a rising threat to L.A.'s homeless drug addicts](#)

Rsynced - October 12, 2025, 8:42 am

When you think you have it BAD!

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A dangerous veterinary tranquilizer known as tranq is rapidly spreading through Los Angeles, alarming public health experts and federal agents who say the drug, when mixed with fentanyl, is driving a wave of overdoses and gruesome injuries—particularly among the city's homeless population. KTLA's Kareen Wynter reports. June 18, 2025.

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Federal and state actions on xylazine

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Congressional legislation. In 2023, the TRANQ Research Act passed both the House and Senate to address the emerging public health emergency.

State-level scheduling. Many states, including Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, and West Virginia, have classified xylazine as a controlled substance. Ohio, for example, used an executive order to declare it a Schedule III controlled substance due to its dangerous effects and increasing presence in overdose deaths.

How emergency scheduling works

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Expedited process. This allows the DEA to act quickly, without a full eight-factor analysis, for a

period of up to two years, with a possible one-year extension.

Criteria. The DEA considers factors such as the substance's history and current pattern of abuse, the scope and significance of its abuse, and the public health risks it poses.

What to do during a suspected xylazine overdose

Call 911 immediately. Since xylazine is often mixed with fentanyl, calling for emergency medical services is critical.

Administer naloxone. If available, administer naloxone in case an opioid is involved. It will not harm someone if only xylazine is present.

Perform rescue breaths. Because xylazine severely suppresses breathing, rescue breaths are a crucial intervention.

Place the person in the recovery position. If they are still sedated after breathing is restored, turn them onto their side with their top knee bent to help them breathe until help arrives.

Lowkey - October 12, 2025, 9:23 am

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Why they are not EMERGACY scheduling TRANQ seems like a conspiracy at this point. Vets barely use it anymore for surgery because of safer replacements like ketamine etc.

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General meaning

In a social or economic context, privileged describes a person or group that enjoys special advantages, often due to their wealth or connections.

Example: "Coming from a privileged background, he never had to worry about money".

Synonyms: advantaged, entitled, favored, elite, affluent.

Antonyms: underprivileged, disadvantaged, impoverished, needy, deprived.

Exclusive access

The term can also refer to information or access that is restricted to a select few.

Example: "Only a handful of people had access to the privileged information".

Synonyms: confidential, secret, inside, exclusive.

Legal context

In a legal setting, a privileged communication is one that is protected from disclosure in court proceedings.

Examples: Attorney-client privilege or spousal communication privilege.

Synonyms: exempt, immune, confidential.

Fortunate opportunity

On a personal level, someone might feel "privileged" to have a particular positive experience, signifying that they feel fortunate to have had the opportunity.

Example: "I was privileged to work with such a brilliant team".

Synonyms: honored, fortunate, blessed, lucky.

Etymology

The word originates from the Latin *privilegium*, which means "a law affecting one person". It is a combination of *privus* ("private" or "single") and *lex* ("law").

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(Oct 12, 2025 10:39 AM)aj33b9009 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Addiction ruined their lives.

Yes and lack of money. ?

plops - October 12, 2025, 12:11 pm

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Heh, in today's times we spend most of the time just undoing media brainwashing, and a much

smaller % of time actually discussing real problems & information.
It's rough out there.

If you listen to the media, they'll have you thinking that all of California is on fire, and full of homeless people that are shooting up in doorways.

Or they'll have us believe that there are riots across the country, 24/7 when in reality it's usually a 2-4 hour event full of people standing around with signs, and a few bad actors doing stupid shit...

We had some family friends ask us if we were okay last year, and it was weird... They genuinely thought that there were mass protests and violence across the whole country because of how the news got spun in their area overseas.

The Pact - October 14, 2025, 7:51 am

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jcole - October 14, 2025, 8:18 am

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Rsynced - October 14, 2025, 12:15 pm

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It was banned in the US for a short time. My point is... They put in A LOT effort to ban herbal products FAST, why is this shit not scheduled by NOW? THEY WANT PEOPLE TO KILL THEMSELVES, THAT'S WHY!!!