

BOTULISM WARNING

Black Tar Heroin May Be Contaminated

Some people in Modesto who have injected black tar heroin have been hospitalized with **WOUND BOTULISM**, a serious illness caused by a bacteria that can be found in heroin. This bacteria produces a toxin that causes paralysis.

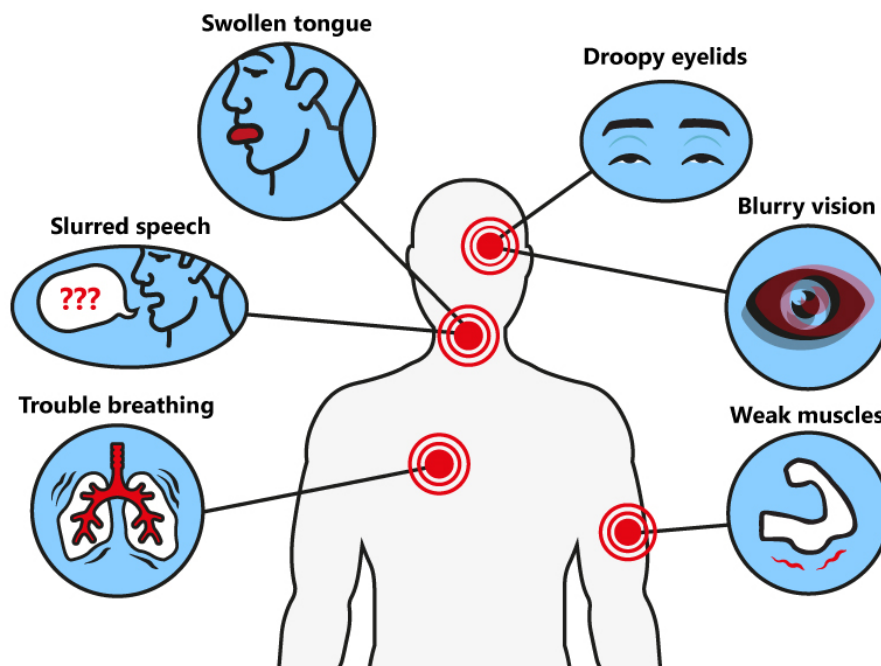
UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

MUSCLING and **SKIN POPPING** put you at highest risk. But injecting into a vein is risky too.

There is **NO WAY TO KNOW** if bacteria are in the heroin. **Cooking the drug DOES NOT KILL THE BACTERIA.**

LOOK FOR SYMPTOMS

Symptoms can start several days to weeks after injecting drugs. You may or may not notice a wound. Botulism can make you weaker until you cannot breathe. It can kill you. But it can be treated if it is caught early.



If you have any of the symptoms, go to the nearest **EMERGENCY ROOM** immediately. Take this flyer to be seen quickly.