



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of "Fake" Xanax

**What was found?** Different variations of "fake" and "Xanax" were co-mentioned in the same comment across many drug-related subreddits. Discussions of counterfeit Xanax (alprazolam) tablets have been steadily increasing, with the mention-to-commenter ratio implying that many people are discussing this trend.

**What is "fake" Xanax?** Users of drug-related subreddit communities are increasingly reporting the trend of "fake Xanax", which involves the sale of non-Xanax drugs that resemble Xanax in appearance.

**How is it being discussed?** Commenters are warning others about the potential of "fake" or counterfeit Xanax tablets. Those who report testing their suspected "fake" Xanax suggest that it often contains fentanyl or etizolam.

**Drug Terms for "fake":** Fake, bunk, mimic, counterfeit

**Drug Terms for Xanax:** Xanax, 039, alprazolam