## **BOTULISM WARNING**Heroin May Be Contaminated

- A person from Marion County was diagnosed with WOUND BOTULISM.
- Health officials think the illness was from injecting contaminated black tar or gunpowder heroin.
- Injecting heroin that contains botulinum germs can cause WOUND BOTULISM, a serious illness that can kill you.

## **UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK**



There is NO WAY TO KNOW if BOTULINUM is in heroin.

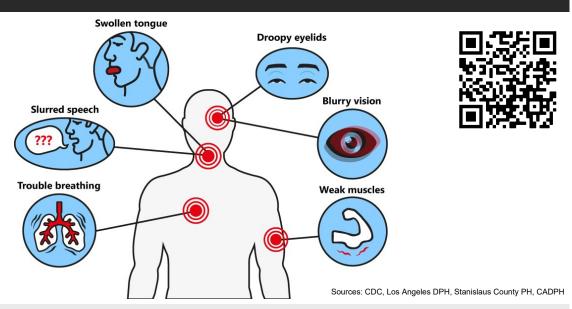


Cooking drugs DOES NOT KILL BOTULINUM.



MUSCLING and SKIN POPPING are the highest risk activities.

## **SYMPTOMS**



SYMPTOMS can develop over several days to weeks. You may or may not notice an abscess. Botulism can make you weaker until you cannot breathe. WOUND BOTULISM can kill you, but it can be treated if caught early. Treatment can stop the illness from getting worse, so you can get better with time.

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

