

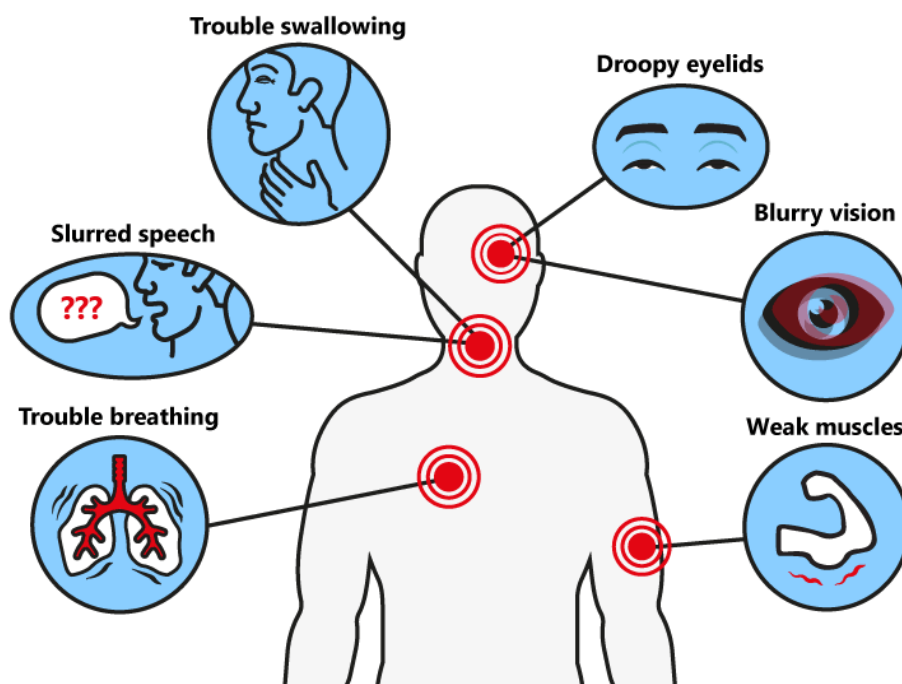
WARNING!

Black Tar Heroin May Cause Botulism

Injecting heroin, especially black tar heroin, can cause **WOUND BOTULISM**. **WOUND BOTULISM** is a serious disease caused by bacteria that can be found in heroin. These bacteria produce a toxin that causes paralysis.

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.



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.**

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

If you want or need treatment for a drug problem, call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)