

German police warn of 'Blue Punisher' ecstasy pills after 2 teenage girls die

June 28 2023



This undated handout photo provided on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 by the Neuhardenberg Police department shows a so-called 'Blue Punisher' ecstasy pill. German police have warned of a potentially lethal 'Blue Punisher' variety of ecstasy in circulation after the death of two teenage girls was linked to the drug. Credit: Polizeipraesidium Neubrandenburg via AP

German police warned Wednesday of a potentially lethal "Blue Punisher" variety of ecstasy in circulation after the death of two teenage girls was linked to the drug.

Police in the northeastern state of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania said that a 13-year-old girl from the town of Altentreptow died Monday at a hospital after taking one of the blue pills featuring a skull logo associated with the Marvel comic book character The Punisher.

Two other [teens](#), ages 14 and 15, were also hospitalized after taking the drug, [police](#) said. A 37-year-old German man has been detained in connection with the girl's death.

Authorities in the neighboring state of Brandenburg are also investigating the [death](#) of a 15-year-old girl who died in the town of Rathenow over the weekend after a suspected narcotics overdose. Prosecutors say an autopsy will determine whether she, too, died after consuming the drug

"We warn against any consumption of narcotics, but especially the dangerous 'Blue Punisher' pill," Neubrandenburg police said in a statement. "These pills have a very high dose of (the chemical) MDMA."

It added that even half a pill, which is in circulation in the region, could cause life-threatening illness.

© 2023 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed without permission.

Citation: German police warn of 'Blue Punisher' ecstasy pills after 2 teenage girls die (2023, June 28) retrieved 29 April 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2023-06-german-police-blue-ecstasy-pills.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.