

# What Everyone Needs to Know About FENTANYL

## What is Fentanyl??

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a prescription drug that is also made and used illegally. Fentanyl is the number one cause of overdose deaths in the US today.



## What is the Risk??

The risk is DEATH. According to the DEA, 42% of pills tested for fentanyl contained at least 2 mg of fentanyl, considered a potentially lethal dose. Fentanyl is tasteless odorless and too small to see with the naked eye. It's EXTREMELY potent: an amount the size of two grains of salt can cause a deadly overdose.

## Where is Fentanyl Found??

Fentanyl is increasingly pressed into pills made to look like legitimate prescription opioids like Oxycontin or other prescription drugs like Xanax and Adderall. Fentanyl is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. Although uncommon to date, Fentanyl has recently be detected in Marijuana as well.



## Why should I care?? My kid isn't an addict.

Because most people do not INTENTIONALLY take Fentanyl, the risk of death is very high for even recreational users of illegal drugs. Many teens experiment with drugs and are not addicts. But if they receive a counterfeit pill or a laced drug, it only takes one mistake to end a life.

## What can I do???

Talk to your kids. They listen! Tell them about Fentanyl risks and teach them to NEVER take a pill that did not come from their doctor and pharmacy. The risks are too high. Tell them about the risk of Fentanyl in all illegal drugs. Get trained in Naloxone, which can reverse the effects of a fentanyl overdose. Visit [www.nscasa.org](http://www.nscasa.org) for local trainings.



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