

Fentanyl Awareness Fact Sheet

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used medically for severe pain.
It is 50-100 times stronger than morphine.
Most overdoses today involve illegally made fentanyl.



Why It's So Dangerous

1. Often mixed into other drugs without a person knowing
2. Fake pills can look like real prescriptions
3. Even a small amount can be deadly

Signs of an Overdose

1. Slow or stopped breathing
2. Unconsciousness
3. Blue lips or fingernails
4. Choking or gurgling sounds

What Can Save a Life

1. Naloxone (Narcan) can reverse overdoses
2. Call 9 1 1 immediately
3. Stay with the person until help arrives

Know the Facts

- 5 out of 10 fake pills contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl
- These pills are often made to look like:
 - Oxycodone (Percocet)
 - Xanax
 - Adderall
- You *cannot* see, smell, or taste fentanyl in a pill or substance
- Fentanyl can show up in other drugs like Cocaine, Methamphetamine and Heroin
- 75% of overdose deaths among youth (ages 10-19) involve fentanyl - often from just one pill
- There is *no safe margin* with unknown pills or substances

Prevention Starts with Awareness

1. Talk openly with teens and young adults
2. Never take pills not prescribed to you
3. Understand that one pill can kill

SAMHSA National Helpline:
1-800-662-HELP (4357)

