



FENTANYL

FENTANYL FACTS

- Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid analgesic that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. In its prescription form it is prescribed for pain, but fentanyl is also made illegally.
- Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths.
- The high potency of fentanyl greatly increases risk of overdose.
- It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl unless you test your drugs with fentanyl test strips.

HOW DO PEOPLE USE FENTANYL?



SAFE

- Prescribed by a doctor.
- Fentanyl can be given as a shot, a patch that is put on an individual's skin, or lozenges that are like a cough drop.



UNSAFE

- Illegally fentanyl is being made in labs and causing overdoses.
- Illegal fentanyl is being mixed with other drugs, such as cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and MDMA. This is because it takes very little to produce a high with fentanyl, making it a cheaper option.

STREET NAMES

- Apache
- Friend
- Jackpot
- Tango & Cash
- Dance Fever
- Goodfellas
- Murder 8

HOW IS FENTANYL BEING DISTRIBUTED?



Fentanyl is being sold illegally as a powder, put into eye droppers, nasal sprays, or made into pills disguised as opioids.



EFFECTS FENTANYL HAS ON THE BRAIN

Fentanyl works by binding to the body's opioid receptors, which are found in areas of the brain that control pain and emotions. Its effects include:

- Drowsiness
- Confusion
- Respiratory depression
- Nausea
- Constipation
- Unconsciousness
- Extreme happiness
- Sedation
- Coma and/or death

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS OVERDOSING?

1. Call 911 immediately.*
2. Administer Naloxone, if available.
3. Try to keep the person awake and breathing.
4. Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.
5. Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.



****Most states have laws that may protect a person who is overdosing or the person who called for help from legal trouble***

TRUE OR FALSE?

Fentanyl is a lead way to addiction. True.

Why? Fentanyl is a very potent drug, which can cause dependence on the body.

CAN YOU DEVELOP WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS?

Yes! Some of those symptoms include:

- Muscle and bone pain
- Cold flashes with goose bumps
- Sleep problems
- Uncontrollable leg movements
- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Severe cravings