

FENTANYL: KNOW THE FACTS

Fentanyl is...

A strong, fast-acting, opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Fentanyl is illegally added to many drugs to make them cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

Fentanyl has been found in many different types of drugs like “coke” (cocaine), “meth” (methamphetamines), “Molly” (MDMA), heroin, ketamine, and counterfeit pills, like Norco, “percs” (percocet), “oxys” (oxycodone), Xanax, Klonopin, and Adderall.

This makes anyone who uses drugs, even once, at risk for overdose.

Carry Naloxone

Naloxone (Narcan®) is a safe, effective, and easy-to-use medication for reversing overdoses from fentanyl and other opioids.



Scan to find free
naloxone (Narcan®) and
other life-saving resources.

Stay informed through drug checking: Fentanyl test strips can help detect whether fentanyl is present in a drug.

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How is Fentanyl Harmful?

Even in small amounts, fentanyl can be deadly.

Fentanyl is a strong, fast-acting, synthetic opioid that is up to 50x stronger than heroin and 100x stronger than morphine.

Most overdose deaths involve fentanyl. In Michigan, fentanyl is involved in 3 out of 5 overdose deaths.

Many drugs and counterfeit pills, not only opioids, may contain fentanyl.

Drugs may contain deadly levels of fentanyl without someone being able to see, smell or taste it.

Overdose Prevention Tips

Never use alone.

Carry naloxone (Narcan®). Always have it on hand/nearby and know how to use it. Show friends and family how to use it too.

Use test strips to help detect fentanyl and xylazine, but remember that no test is 100% accurate.

Avoid mixing drugs. Mixing drugs, especially with alcohol or “benzos” increases the risk of overdose.

Get care for skin sores, right away.

How to Stop an Overdose:



1 Shake and shout



2 Call 9-1-1



3 Give naloxone (Narcan®)

Peel: Peel back the package to remove the nasal spray. Hold the spray with your thumb on the plunger.

Place: Place the tip of the nasal spray into either nostril until your fingers are touching their nose.

Press: Press the plunger firmly in to release the entire dose into the nose.



4 Keep awake and breathing

If breathing: Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.

If not breathing: Give rescue breaths and CPR if comfortable.



5 Give naloxone (Narcan®) again every 2 minutes if no response

If not breathing, give more doses of naloxone (Narcan®) using a new spray every 2 minutes, switching nostrils, until help arrives.