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LIFE!



Anyone can administer Narcan. It's easy to use and can save a life.

Fentanyl 101

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What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid used to treat severe pain. Illegally made fentanyl is often found as a powder or pressed into fake pills and may be mixed into other drugs without a person's knowledge.



Myth: Overdoses only happen to "certain types" of people.

Fact: Overdoses affect people of any age, background, or community.

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Why is fentanyl so dangerous?

- **Even a tiny amount can be deadly.** As little as 2 milligrams (about a few grains of salt) can cause a fatal overdose.
- **You can't see it.** Fentanyl may be mixed into counterfeit pills or other drugs, making it impossible to know it's there without testing.
- **It acts quickly.** Fentanyl is much more potent than many other opioids and can slow or stop breathing within minutes.

One pill can change everything.



What are opioids?

Opioids are a class of drugs that reduce pain by acting on receptors in the brain.

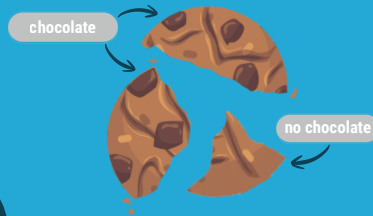
Examples include:

- Prescription pain medications (oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine)
- Heroin
- Fentanyl

Repeated opioid use can lead to addiction and an increased risk of overdose.



Learn more about Narcan & find free resources near you.



The Chocolate Chip Cookie Effect

Like chocolate chips in cookie dough, fentanyl isn't always evenly mixed. Some parts of a pill or powder may contain more fentanyl than others.



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Take Steps to Stay Safe

- The safest choice is not to use drugs.
- Only take medications prescribed specifically for you.
- Never use alone.
- Avoid mixing drugs or alcohol.
- **Carry Narcan** and know how to use it.
- If something feels wrong, call 911 immediately.



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