

Where is Fentanyl Found?




Illicit fentanyl is being pressed into fake pills and mixed with other drugs, like cocaine and methamphetamine. You cannot see, taste or smell fentanyl, so there is no way to know it's present without a test.

What Happens if You Touch Fentanyl?

Don't panic! Wash your hands with warm water and soap. DO NOT use hand sanitizer as that can enhance skin absorption of fentanyl. **You can't overdose on fentanyl simply by touching it.**

How an Overdose Can Happen

In order for a person to feel the effects of fentanyl, it has to get into the bloodstream or a mucus membrane. This happens by:

-  Inhaling or snorting fentanyl
-  Touching eyes, nose or mouth with fentanyl residue on your hands
-  Injecting fentanyl

Get Naloxone & Fentanyl Test Strips



To obtain fentanyl test strips and naloxone contact the Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance at 860.263.8720. You can also attend our free naloxone trainings. Visit amplifyct.org/trainings to register.

Signs of Overdose

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- Falling asleep/loss of consciousness/limp body
- Shallow or slow breathing
- Pale, blue, or ashen-colored skin
- Choking or gurgling sounds

How to Respond to an Overdose

- 1** Call 911 immediately!
- 2** Support the person's breathing.
- 3** Administer naloxone (Narcan).
- 4** Stay with the person until the ambulance arrives.

Safety Tips

- If you see a substance and you don't know what it is, don't touch, taste or smell it.
- Know how to use naloxone (Narcan) and fentanyl test strips.
- Assume any pill or drug obtained illegally may contain fentanyl.
- If you use substances, never use alone and always have naloxone available.