

**ONE**  
**PILL CAN**  
**KILL**

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# FENTANYL AWARENESS

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- <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>



# WHAT IS FENTANYL?

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- Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.
- Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, equal to 10 to 15 grains of table salt, is considered a lethal (deadly) dose.
- Illegally manufactured fentanyl is found in heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and in counterfeit pills.
- Many people may not know they're ingesting fentanyl which leads to accidental poisoning.

# WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT FENTANYL?

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- In 2022, DEA seized more than 58.4 million fentanyl-laced fake pills and more than 13,000 pounds of fentanyl powder.
- The 2022 seizures are equivalent to more than 387.7 million lethal doses of fentanyl.
- The 2023 fentanyl seizures represent over 266 million deadly doses.



2mg, the amount on the tip of this pencil, can be enough to kill an average American.

## DEADLY DOSE

DEA reports a dramatic rise in the number of fake pills containing at least 2mg of fentanyl - which is considered a lethal dose



Today **6 out of ten DEA-tested pills** with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.



# PGCPS PSA - FENTANYL

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- Did you know that 6 out of 10 fake prescription pills contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl? Be smart. Overdoses are on the rise because teens don't know what is going into their bodies. Bottom line: if pills or drugs were not prescribed to you from a healthcare provider, don't do it.
- <https://youtu.be/OusLhH4kAc4>

CAN YOU SPOT  
THE FAKE?

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Authentic Adderall  
(20mg)



Fake Adderall  
(30mg)



Authentic Oxycodone



Fake Oxycodone



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Authentic Xanax



Fake Xanax



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# Just One Pill Can Kill

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## A MESSAGE TO STUDENTS BY STUDENTS



- Join the San Bernardino City Unified School District high school students as they create awareness about the dangers of fentanyl in their own words. Their message is, "too many kids like us are dying from drug overdoses, so what you're about to hear can save your life!"
- <https://youtu.be/C1BgXIYwoVY>

# USING PRESCRIPTION PILLS THAT WEREN'T PRESCRIBED TO YOU CAN BE DEADLY.

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- Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.
- Fake pills are easy to purchase, widely available, often contain [fentanyl](#) or [methamphetamine](#), and can be deadly.
- Fake prescription pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone, including minors.
- Many fake pills are made to look like prescription drugs such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®), Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®)

# WHAT IS THEIR EFFECT ON THE BODY?

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- Fentanyl misuse may result in an intense, short-term high; temporary feelings of euphoria; slowed respiration and reduced blood pressure, nausea, fainting; seizures or death.
- Methamphetamine misuse may result in agitation; increased heart rate and blood pressure; increased respiration and body temperature; anxiety and paranoia.
- High doses can cause convulsions, cardiovascular collapse, stroke or death.

# WHAT ARE THE OVERDOSE EFFECTS?

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- Overdose may result in stupor, changes in papillary size, cold and clammy skin, cyanosis, coma and respiratory failure leading to death.
- The presence of a triad of symptoms such as coma, pinpoint pupils, and respiratory depression are strongly suggestive of opioid poisoning.



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**FAKE PILLS FACT SHEET**

FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS • WIDELY AVAILABLE • INCREASINGLY LETHAL

DEA LAB TESTING REVEALS THAT

**6** OUT OF EVERY **10** PILLS

WITH FENTANYL CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY

**LETHAL DOSE**



**Fake pills often contain fentanyl and are more lethal than ever before.**

DEA officials report a dramatic rise in the number of fake pills containing at least 2 mg of fentanyl, which is considered a potentially lethal dose.

Drug traffickers are using fake pills to exploit the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse. In 2021, 107,622 people died by drug poisoning in the United States.

Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in fake pills, is the primary driver in this alarming increase in poisoning deaths.

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**AUTHENTIC**  
oxycodone  
M30 tablets

**\*FAKE**  
oxycodone M30 tablets  
containing fentanyl

For more information about fake pills, go to [DEA.gov/OnePill](https://www.dea.gov/OnePill)

Data as of 1/1/2023

\*Photos of fake pills do not represent all available



# FENTANYL FACT SHEET

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**Fake pills are widely available across every state in the Country.**

- DEA and its law enforcement partners are seizing deadly fake pills at record rates.
- Fake pills have been seized in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- Drug trafficking is also inextricably linked with violence.

In 2022, DEA seized more than 50.6 million

**50,600,000**

**fake pills often laced with fentanyl  
-more than double the amount of fentanyl  
pills seized in 2021-**



The **only safe medications** are ones that come from **licensed and accredited medical professionals.**

DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal.



# DEALING WITH PEER PRESSURE

- Stick With Your Bestie
- Avoid, Avoid, Avoid
- Be the Sober One
- Ask a Million Questions
- Stick to Your Script

Facing constant peer pressure can be hard. The tips we mentioned help, but it's also important that you are confident in your decision to be drug-free in the first place. Learning the [facts and dangers](#) associated with drug use is a good place to start.



# WHAT IS NALOXONE? HOW DOES IT WORK?



- Naloxone is designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. It needs to be administered (given) right away, which is why the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved an easy-to-use nasal spray version. Naloxone also comes in an injectable syringe, which can be used by emergency medical workers.
- A person who overdoses on an opioid (like a prescription pain medication, heroin, or fentanyl) experiences slower breathing—or stops breathing completely. In many cases, giving the person naloxone can immediately restore normal breathing.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSSRZE19ujY&t=41s>

# WYATT'S STORY

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uum074djK4E&t=74s>



IS IT WORTH IT?



# WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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- <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>
- <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources/fentanyl-one-pill-kills>