

# THE FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL and SUICIDE AWARENESS

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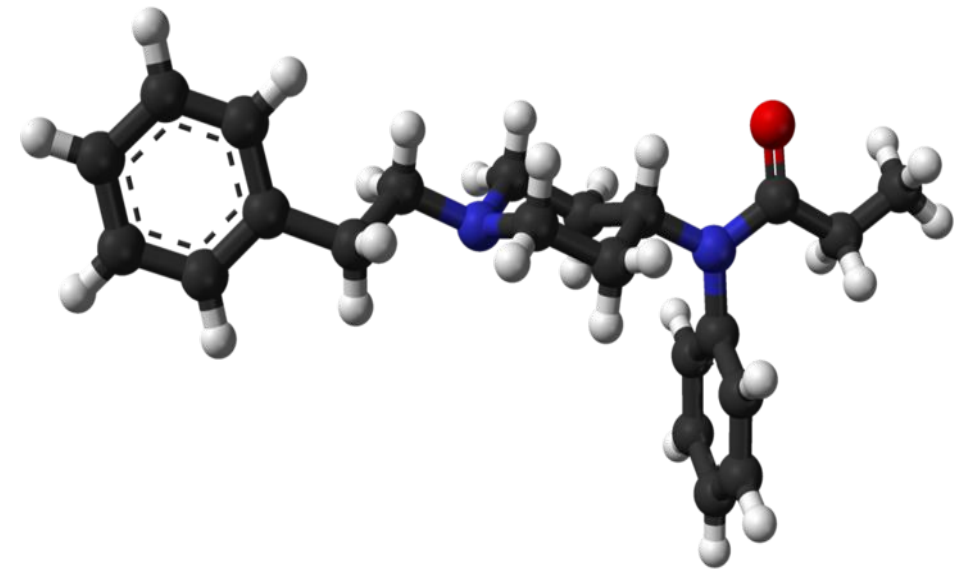
# Fentanyl Awareness

“*Fentanyl is the single deadliest drug threat our nation has ever encountered, said Administrator Anne Milgram. Fentanyl is everywhere. From large metropolitan areas to rural America, no community is safe from this poison. We must take every opportunity to spread the word to prevent fentanyl-related overdose death and poisonings from claiming scores of American lives every day.*”

[DEA.Gov Fentanyl Awareness](https://www.dea.gov/fentanyl-awareness)

# What is Fentanyl?

- ✓ It is a deadly synthetic opioid that is being pressed into fake pills or cut into heroin, cocaine, and other street drugs to drive addiction
- ✓ Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.
- ✓ It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.



# Types of Fentanyl

There are 2 types of Fentanyl:

**Pharmaceutical Fentanyl** is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer.

**Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl** (Both are considered synthetic opioids)

However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.



# What are Fake Pills?

**Dealers are making fentanyl and pressing it into fake pills.  
Fake pills are made to look like:**

**OxyContin®,  
Xanax®  
Adderall®  
other pharmaceuticals.**



**These fake pills contain no legitimate medicine.  
— Fentanyl is also made in a rainbow of colors so it looks like candy.**

# Why is Fentanyl So Dangerous?

DEA lab testing reveals that **4 out of 10** fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.





# What are the effects of Fentanyl?

- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Changes in pupil size
- Cold and clammy skin
- Decreased of appetite
- Weight loss
- Hallucinations
- Cognitive decline, confusion
- Respiratory failure leading to death





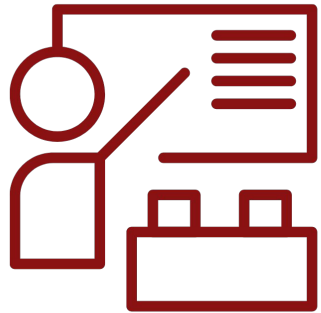
# Street Names for Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl:

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



# Where can you report anonymously?

There are a number of ways to reach out if you or a friend need help or to report concerning drug activity in your near your school.



**Tell a  
Teacher**



**Seek help from your  
Campus Nurse or Mental  
Health Clinician**



**Reach out to  
your counselor**

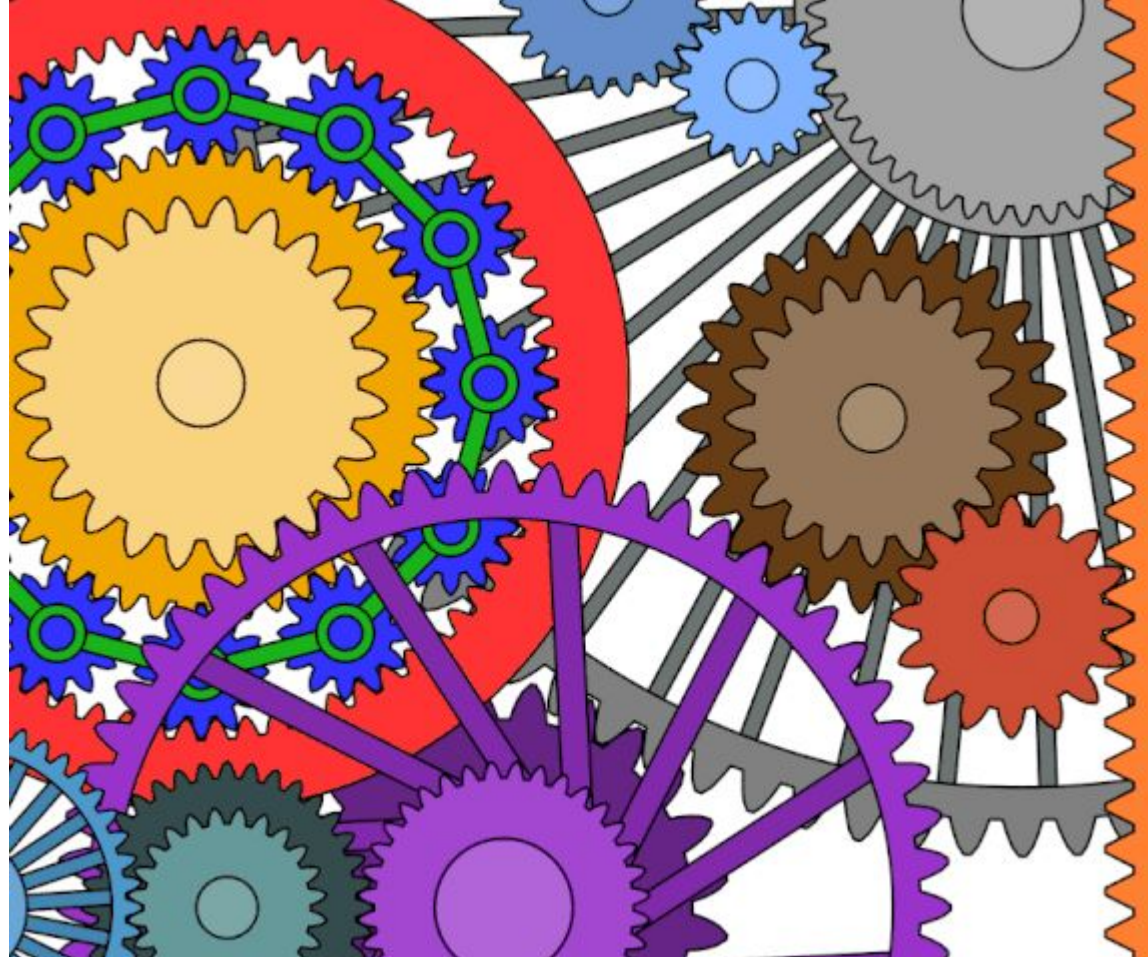


# Be Optimistic

**Knowing the facts about drugs can help you save the life of a friend or save your own life.**

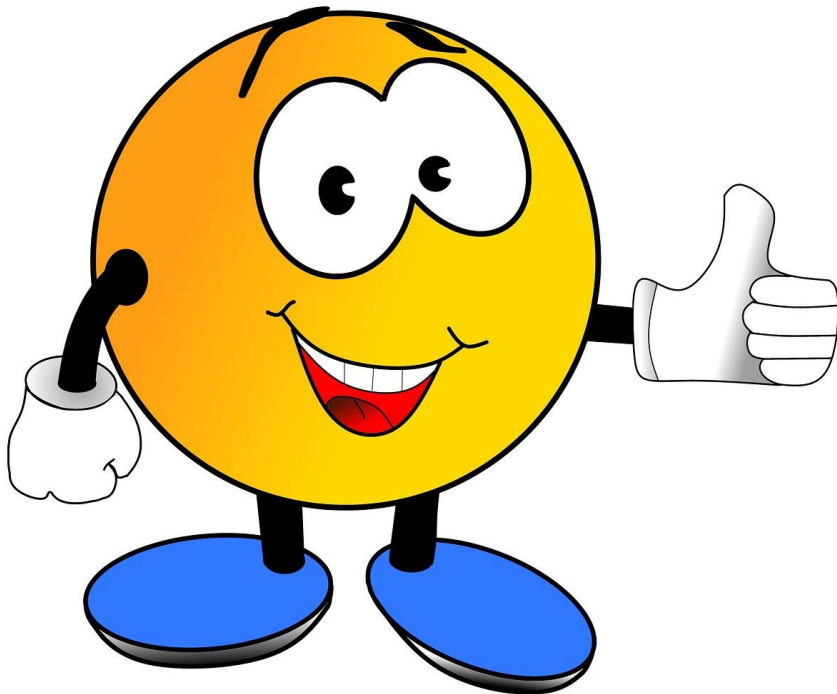


# Shifting Gears



# You Matter

Whether you know or believe it, ***YOU MATTER.***  
You matter more than you know.



People you matter to include:

- ★ **Your Parents**
- ★ **Your Siblings**
- ★ **Your Grandparents**
- ★ **Your Teachers**
- ★ **Your Friends**

# Suicide Facts

**According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States.**

**An increased access to social media and negative online media, feelings of isolation, inadequate self-care, and a stigma around mental health care have all been contributing factors to the increased suicide rates.**

[Northwestern Medicine Health Beat](#)



# Suicide Facts

**Teen suicide is now the second-leading cause of death in 15-19 year olds. This may be due to major physical, social, emotional and psychological changes.**

**These changes and feelings of stress, uncertainty, fear, confusion, hopelessness and external pressure, can lead some youth to feel overmatched and to see suicide as their only option.**

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# Warning Signs of Suicide and Depression

- Changes in eating and sleeping behaviors
- Alcohol and drug use
- Withdrawal from friends and family members
- Neglect of personal appearance
- Lack of response to praise
- Irritability
- Sadness or crying spells
- Social media posts about feelings of isolation or depression
- Talking about or otherwise indicating plans to commit suicide or self-harm



# What You Can Do?

If you or someone you know are considering suicide or experiencing depression it is important that you speak to someone immediately.

You may not want to do so, but it is important that you do, your life can depend on it.

People you can talk to include:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Counselors
- Principal
- Another trusted adult
- An older sibling
- A Friend

# National Hotline

You may feel that you have no one to talk to or you just want more information, you can contact the following:



You can text or call 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

# Now What!

**Teachers, please give students a  
students the Suicide Hotline  
sticker and have them place it  
on the back of their school id or  
their cell phone.**



# Student Exit Ticket

[bit.ly/jag38advisory](https://bit.ly/jag38advisory)

Students,  
Scan the QR Code or go to the  
link and Sign In as records that  
you have received this  
presentation.

