

LET'S TALK ABOUT FENTANYL

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WHAT IS IT?

Initially, a medication used for pain relief, it is in a family of drugs called opioids/opiates. Opioids include prescribed medication such as Oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax and morphine, or illicit drugs like heroin or opium. **However, fentanyl is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin.** A very small amount can cause a deadly overdose.

WHY IS IT A DANGER NOW?

Fentanyl is mixed into other drugs because it is cheap to manufacture and a small amount goes a long way. People who use drugs recreationally are usually not told whether there is fentanyl mixed in it.

WHERE IS FENTANYL FOUND?

Illicitly produced fentanyl is sold alone or in combination with other substances and has been identified in counterfeit pills, mimicking pharmaceutical drugs.

WHAT IS THE RISK?

Due to the lack of oversight on illegally manufactured drugs, there is no foolproof way to eliminate the risk of overdose however there are things you can do to help protect yourself and your friends.

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

DO NOT USE DRUGS RECREATIONALLY

Any pill or drug not purchased directly from a pharmacy could contain fentanyl. This includes illicit drugs (cocaine, heroin, meth, etc.) as well as look-alike prescription medications (Xanax, Oxycodone, etc.).

LEARN ABOUT NALOXONE

Carry and learn how to use the opioid-reversal drug Naloxone. Naloxone is an FDA-approved medication used to temporarily reverse opioid overdoses. It is typically administered by emergency responders through a nasal spray. Bexar County community members can obtain their own dose through morenarcanplease.com.

DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911

If you have the slightest concern that a loved one has experienced an overdose due to fentanyl, do not hesitate to call 911 immediately. You could save a life.

If you or someone you know needs support recovering from drugs or alcohol, call 210-SAY-CARE