

# FENTAPILL FACT SHEET

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50X stronger than heroin and 100X stronger than morphine.



2 SALT-SIZED GRAINS OF FENTANYL CAN KILL.

## TWO TYPES OF FENTANYL:

### Pharmaceutical Fentanyl

- Prescribed and obtained from a licensed physician or pharmacy

### Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl (IMF)

- Made and distributed through illegal drug markets with no quality control

## ILLCIT PILLS DON'T COME WITH AN INGREDIENT LIST...

### YOU CANNOT SEE, TASTE, OR SMELL FENTANYL.

IMF is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs:

- cheaper to make
- more powerful
- more addictive
- more dangerous



### KNOWLEDGE GAP

Only 58% of youth said fentanyl was dangerous

### AKA FENTAPILLS

## COUNTERFEIT PILLS

They are pills made to look like real prescription medications you get from a pharmacy.

They look real in many ways:

- ✗ size
- ✗ coloring
- ✗ stamps
- ✗ packaging

Fake pills may contain more or less of the active ingredient, harmful ingredients, or the wrong medication altogether.

Fake pills are made to look like **prescription opioids** such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or **stimulants** like amphetamines (Adderall®).

One pill, or **even half of a single pill**, could be lethal. Experimentation or self-medication can be fatal.

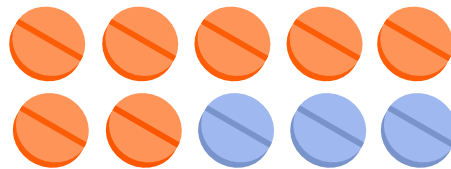
### PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNAWARE FENTANYL HAS BEEN ADDED

Pills purchased on social media, received from a friend, or bought online **are not real.**

The only safe medications are ones that come from licensed and accredited medical professionals. Pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal.

109,360 IN OVERDOSE DEATHS IN 2022  
FUELED BY FENTANYL

7 OUT OF EVERY 10\*  
PILLS CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY  
LETHAL DOSE



2018 - 2021  
YOUTH  
DEATHS  
(AGED 14-18)  
GREW BY  
356%

## SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE

Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose can save a life. Here are some things to look for:

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak, or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold and/or clammy skin
- Discolored skin (especially in lips and nails)

It may be hard to tell if someone is experiencing an overdose. If you aren't sure, it's best to treat it like an overdose and call 9-1-1 immediately – it could save a life.



In 2021, 66.8% of drug overdose deaths had at least one potential **opportunity for intervention.**

**Naloxone** is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdose and save lives.

