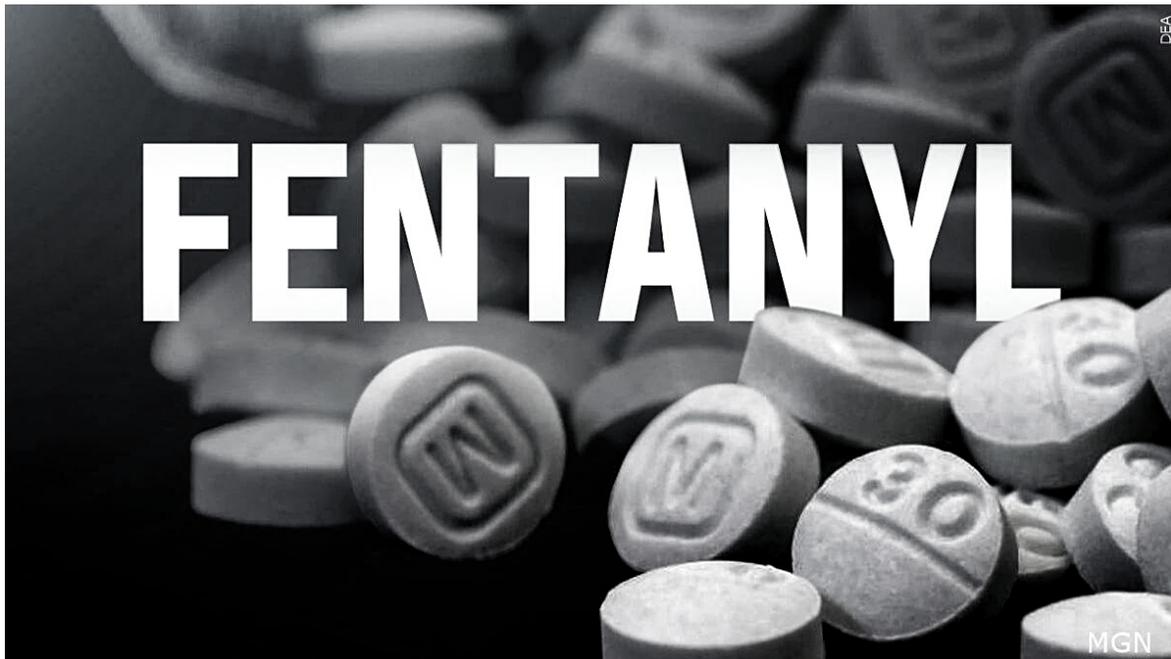




FENTANYL TOOLKIT

FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND CAREGIVERS.



THE ISSUE

Illegally made fentanyl and its dangers, while well-documented by health professionals and law enforcement, are largely unknown to the general population and even more so to its most vulnerable population: youth and young adults. According to the CDC, fentanyl is involved in more deaths of Americans under 50 than any other cause of death, including heart disease, cancer, and all other accidents. Among teenagers, overdose deaths linked to synthetic opioids like fentanyl tripled in the past two years, yet 73% have never heard of fake prescription pills being made with fentanyl.

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FACTS ON FENTANYL

WHAT IS FENTANYL??

- Fentanyl is a potent prescription synthetic opioid drug approved by the FDA for pain relief and anesthetic.
- Prescription opioids are powerful drugs with a high risk for dependency.
- Fentanyl is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. A potentially lethal dose of fentanyl is the size of 2 grains of salt.



Lethal Does of Fentanyl



WHY SHOULD I CARE?

This is a national public health crisis. People, especially young people, are ingesting illegally manufactured fentanyl without knowing it and dying at alarming rates as a result.

Fentanyl is very cheap and extremely addictive. Drug dealers are dangerously mixing illegally made fentanyl with, and disguising it as, other common drugs like oxycodone, percocet and xanax to increase profits. This process is not regulated and does not undergo any kind of quality control.

People have no way of knowing what they are getting in illegally purchased drugs, and as little as two milligrams of fentanyl (two grains of sand) can kill a person. **Fentanyl is everywhere: an estimated 250-500 million pills made with fentanyl are in circulation in the U.S. at any time.** This doesn't even account for powder drugs made with fentanyl such as cocaine, MDMA (molly/ecstasy), or heroin. The practice of cutting drugs with fentanyl is relatively new, so public awareness is low.



HOW ARE KIDS GETTING FENTANYL?

Fake prescription pills, commonly laced with deadly fentanyl and methamphetamine, are often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms – making them available to anyone with a smartphone.

When it comes to teens and drug use, social media can play a huge role. Through different hashtags (#s) they can be exposed to offers from dealers to buy drugs through various social sites. It is never too late for parents to get acquainted with the various social apps (applications), and the slang terms many of them use to communicate while texting and using social media.

Some popular ones include:

- **Instagram** (app where users share photos and videos)
- **Snapchat** (app where users can create and share photos, videos. The content is meant to disappear after the person views them)
- **TikTok** (a social network where users can create and share videos)
- **Tumblr** (users can post photos, videos, gifs and more in a microblogging format)
- **Twitch** (app where users can livestream themselves playing video games and interact with viewers)
- **YouTube** (users can create and watch videos)

Emoji Drug Code | Decoded

Popular Emoji Drug Codes

Oxycodone



Xanax®



Percocet®



Adderall®



Combination Emoji Drug Codes



100pk = 100pk = 100 pills

Other Emoji Drug Codes

Cocaine



Meth



Heroin



Marijuana



MDMA and Mollies



Cough Syrup



Drug Dealer Advertising



High Potency



Mushrooms



Universal for Drugs



Large Batch/Amount



SCAN HERE TO BE TAKEN TO THE DEA
EMOJI DRUG CODE/DECODED FULL
LIST.

WHAT CAN PARENTS AND TEACHER DO?

DON'T AVOID THE TOPIC!

- Educate yourself about the dangers of fentanyl, and have a conversation with the kids in your life. Youth are dying from lack of information about this. There is a significant knowledge gap in youth about fentanyl in drugs. 35% of youth ages 13-17 say they don't know enough about fentanyl and its rate of danger, and 73% have never heard of fentanyl in counterfeit pills.
- Mental health is a key factor: 86% of youth 13-17 are overwhelmed and 79% say anxiety and stress is a common reason to misuse medication. Learn how to notice symptoms and support young people struggling with mental health challenges.

HOW CAN I PREVENT FENTANYL USE?

Education is a key part of helping today's youth make healthy choices. They need accurate information from trusted sources. Neither kids today nor their parents are aware of the growing dangers of fentanyl poisoning. **Research has shown that kids who have multiple opportunities to discuss the harms of drug use with caring adults fare much better.** Even if substance use is the last thing you need to worry about with your kid or your students, perhaps their awareness could save a friend.

IN WHICH STREET DRUGS IS FENTANYL BEING FOUND?

Fentanyl is being integrated into almost all forms of street drugs. In some cases dealers purposely add fentanyl to their drugs to reduce costs, enhance the effect of an existing drug, hook their customers, or all three.

Remember, it's a business, and it's all about making as much money as possible. In some cases, the presence of fentanyl is the result of contamination from traffickers handling multiple drugs in unclean environments or mixing several different powders with the same equipment.

Fentanyl has been widely detected in all of the street drugs listed below:

FAKE PILLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- PERCOCET
- OXYCONTIN
- NORCO
- XANAX
- VICODIN
- VALIUM

OTHERS:

- HEROIN
- COCAINE
- MDMA (ECSTASY, MOLLY)
- METHANPHETAMINE

DRUGS TO WATCH:

- ALTHOUGH NOT AS PREVALENT- THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF FENTANYL FOUND IN:
- MARIJUANA
 - VAPE PENS
 - ADDERALL



RESOURCES



DEA One Pill Can Kill



FentanylAwareness.org



Fentanyl Fact Sheet DEA



Drugfree.org



CDC

