

FENTANYL

What is It?

Fentanyl is an opioid made from chemicals. It is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is much more deadly and works faster than other common opioids. Fentanyl is a powerful drug that takes control of your brain.

Dangers of Fentanyl

Because fentanyl is so strong, it takes much less of it to kill, and it kills much faster than heroin. Fentanyl can stop your heart in as little as 5 minutes. A fentanyl overdose can come on quickly and is harder to reverse than other drugs. It only takes a short time before a person using fentanyl falls under its control. Overdoses and deaths due to Fentanyl in Colorado are at an all-time high and increasing.



Fake Pills

Fake pills are nearly identical to prescription Be it Oxys, Adderall, Ativan, or any other medication, if you buy from social media, a local dealer, or anyone else instead of a pharmacy, you could get fentanyl. About 4 out of 10 fake pills have fentanyl, and you can't know how much is in them. It could be a very small amount or an amount that will kill you. The street market is not safe or reliable.

Mixing is Bad

Fentanyl and alcohol are a bad combination. Both slow your brain and make you sleepy. Together they increase your chances for overdose.



2 Milligrams
1/2500 Teaspoon
1 Lethal Overdose

Forms of Fentanyl

Fentanyl comes in many forms. It can be blue or white pills with the number 30 on one side. The pills also come in a rainbow of colors. It comes as a white, grey, or tan powder. The white powder looks very much like cocaine. Fentanyl also comes as a liquid or as a patch. Often, it comes disguised as other medication.

The Effects of Fentanyl

Fentanyl makes you feel really good; your bad feelings fade to the background while you have an intense high. That's at the beginning. After a while, the high is less, and you need more to get that same feeling. Your brain starts to crave it, and fentanyl is all you can think about when you aren't high. If you can't get enough, you'll likely experience withdrawal.

Withdrawal Symptoms

- Anxiety
- Insomnia
- Sweating and chills
- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Racing heart
- High blood pressure
- Muscle and bone pain

GETTING HELP

The following websites are places to start learning more about fentanyl and to get help to stop using it.

- opi Rescue.com
- cdc.gov/stopoverdose
- getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/content/one-pill-can-kill

