

Fentanyl Facts

OVERVIEW

Fentanyl is 100 TIMES more potent than morphine and 50 TIMES more potent than heroin. The presence of fentanyl in many fake prescription pills has contributed to rapidly increasing rates of teen overdose deaths nationwide. In Florida alone, fentanyl-related overdose deaths among youth increased by 67% from 2020 to 2021.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

Illegal fentanyl can look like powder. This tasteless, odorless substance can be added to fake tablets or mixed with other drugs like heroin or cocaine, often without the user knowing it's there. According to DEA lab testing, seven out of ten fentanyl-laced pills contain a potentially lethal dose of the drug.

DANGERS OF FENTANYL

Fentanyl, similar to other common opioid painkillers, can cause temporary feelings of relaxation or happiness, short-term pain relief, sedation, confusion, drowsiness or dizziness, nausea, vomiting, urinary retention, small pupils, and trouble breathing.

An overdose of fentanyl can cause someone to become very sleepy, have small pupils, cold and clammy skin, skin discoloration, slip into a coma, or have trouble breathing, which can lead to death. If a person shows signs of a coma, pinpoint pupils, and slowed breathing, they might have been poisoned by an opioid.

COMMON NAMES: Apache, Dance Fever, Friend







Despite overall declines in drug use, fentanyl is contributing to higher teen overdose rates.

Drug dealers add fentanyl to pills

that look like common prescription medications such as Xanax, Adderall, and Oxycontin.