

FENTANYL FACTS

Fast Facts About Fentanyl

- Fentanyl is a strong synthetic opioid that has been used in clinical settings for decades and is often described as 80-100 times stronger than morphine, or about 50 times stronger than heroin.
- Fentanyl is partly responsible for the current overdose crisis in Canada, combined with a lack of resources and the criminalization of people who use drugs.
- Fentanyl moving through the street market comes in any colour of the rainbow in the form of powder, but can be pressed into a chunk looking like a moon rock and can be injected, smoked, or snorted. It has also been found in other drugs, like heroin, meth, cocaine, and pressed pills, due to the unregulated market.
- Much of the harms that come from substance use are directly related to prohibition and the criminalization of those who consume them.

FENTANYL MYTHS

Set the Record Straight

Fentanyl and fentanyl analogues (some stronger than fentanyl, some weaker) are not "naloxone resistant." They are opioids and will respond to naloxone if someone is overdosing. When it appears that someone overdosing is **not** responding to naloxone it may be because:

1. the naloxone needs more time to take effect (wait 2-3 mins before administering more naloxone)
2. they need more than one dose of naloxone (wait 2-3 minutes between doses)
3. the naloxone was administered after the person had been without oxygen for too long

You cannot overdose simply by touching fentanyl.

It must be introduced into the bloodstream or a mucus membrane in order for someone to feel the effects.

While there are fentanyl patches that can be placed on the skin for pain management, this is not the formulation being cut into other substances.



HOW TO USE FENTANYL SAFER

The biggest risk factor is that people are often exposed unintentionally and don't know to take the proper precautions to use this drug safely.

If you choose to use fentanyl, there are some practices that can help you minimize the risk of an overdose.

Here are a few recommendations so you can be in control of your experience.

- Take it slow and use less
- Carry naloxone
- Try snorting or smoking
- Test your supply
- Instead of injecting to reduce risk
- Listen to your body: Hydrate, eat and rest
- Practice extra caution

NEV-FUR USE ALONE

NORS is an overdose prevention hotline for Canadians providing loving, confidential, nonjudgmental support for you, whenever and wherever you use drugs.

Call (Canada only): 1-888-688-NORS(6677)
Call Never Use Alone (US only): 1-800-484-3731

Mobile App (Global): The Brave App

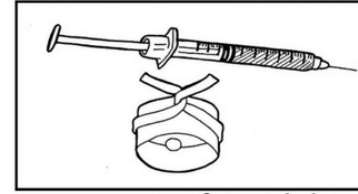


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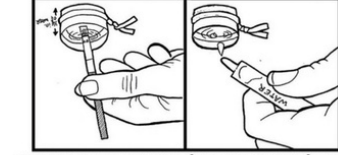
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INVALID = LINE ON LEFT



DIAGRAM ON BTNX PACKAGE IS REVERSED



1. Prepare drugs in a fresh, clean cooker

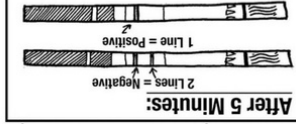


2. Set prepared drugs aside:

3. Add 1/4 inch clean water to drug residue

4. Dip end of test strip in water for 15 seconds

5. Check the strip after 5 minutes. One line means fentanyl, 2 lines means no fentanyl!



*Test may also be used with baggie residue, etc., as well as all opioids.
*Check any street drug, benzos, crack, meth, etc., as well as all opioids.
*If test doesn't result in 1 or 2 lines it's invalid!

Directions



THE HOW'S & WHY'S OF TESTING FOR FENTANYL

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