

Facts, not fear.

Why fentanyl is different.

Fentanyl is different from other drugs. Know the facts to stay safer.

Fact #1

Fentanyl is massively strong. As much as 50 times stronger than heroin. An amount as small as 2 grains of salt can cause an overdose.

Fact #2

It's hard to know if fentanyl is in your drug. You can't taste it. You can't smell it. And it doesn't always look the same.

Fact #3

Fentanyl can be mixed into other drugs like pills, meth, cocaine or molly. People who make or sell drugs often mix it in to make the drug stronger at less cost to them.

Even if you trust your supplier, you don't know who handled the drug before they did. Drugs change hands many times before they get to you.

Fact #4

A pill or line may have no fentanyl but another from the same batch may have a dangerous amount. Fentanyl can be clumpy.

When people make or sell drugs and mix in fentanyl, it doesn't spread evenly throughout the batch.



How to protect yourself

Use these methods and tools to stay safer:

- Don't use alone.
- Use test strips.
- Carry naloxone.
- Know Good Samaritan laws. If you see an overdose, don't be afraid to call 911.

Or, don't use at all. It's only safe to use drugs your healthcare provider prescribed.

