

THE RISE OF FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid — a man-made version of natural opioids like morphine, opium and heroin — and the only one you would ever receive from a doctor. It is an extremely potent drug only used as anesthesia to treat cancer patients or for extreme pain. It is 100 times more powerful than morphine and 50 times more powerful than heroin. Getting just a tiny bit too much of this drug can be fatal, and it is the number one cause of overdose in the U.S.

Fentanyl is illegal to use outside of a medical setting, however, illegal Fentanyl is being brought into the U.S. at an alarming rate. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to kill 379 million people, more than the population of the U.S.

To make the situation worse, numerous fentanyl analogues - or variations have been created to increase drug supply and avoid drug laws. The DEA has identified

at least 15 illegally produced versions of fentanyl. These analogues are only one or two molecules different from fentanyl itself, but they can be much stronger and have terrible side effects.

Illegal fentanyl and its copies are usually mixed with other street drugs like heroin and cocaine or made into counterfeit pills and sold as Xanax, hydrocodone or other commonly abused drugs. These drugs can be swallowed, snorted, injected, vaped or used in a nasal spray.

Street names for fentanyl include:

Apache, China Town, China Girl, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfellas, Great Bear, He-Man, Jackpot, King Ivory, Murder 8, Tango & Cash, China White, Poison, N.T., among others.

EFFECTS & CONSEQUENCES

EFFECTS

- Euphoria
- Pain Relief
- Relaxation
- Respiratory Depression
- Slowed Mental Abilities

CONSEQUENCES

- Tolerance
- Addiction
- Cardiac Arrest
- Coma
- Overdose
- Death

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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These high-potency opioids... are thousands of times stronger than street opioids like heroin and are far more likely to cause death.



DON'T BE FOOLED BY FENTANYL

Fentanyl is cheaper, easier to produce and stronger than heroin, so drug dealers “cut” their heroin supply or create counterfeit pills to save money and increase highs. Drugs like Oxycontin, Xanax, and heroin that are sold on the street usually contain fentanyl or some other fentanyl analogue. Most people who overdosed on fentanyl didn’t even know what they were taking. Users purchase what they think is heroin or pain pills and take their normal dose, assuming they bought the “real” drug, but instead they got a much stronger, much deadlier look-a-like drug.

There is no way to tell if that white pill or powder is cut with fentanyl. Fentanyl is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Unfortunately, users have become test subjects for illicit labs and drug dealers who are trying to find the perfect combination of cheap to make, easy to get, and most likely to cause addiction. In just one year, fentanyl use spiked over 79%, and so have deadly overdoses.

POWERFUL & DEADLY

WHY ARE THEY SO DEADLY?

Fentanyl and its variations are some of the strongest drugs to hit our streets. They are cheap, easy to get, and extremely powerful. With both heroin and prescription drug abuse on the rise, new emerging types of fentanyl are fueling an addiction epidemic with deadly consequences. Examples of fentanyl analogues found in recent deaths and drug seizures:

Carfentanil - caused fatalities across the country and is 100 times stronger than fentanyl, and 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than heroin. It is an elephant or large animal tranquilizer and has been used as a chemical weapon. It can kill a human in doses as small as a grain of salt. Death is usually immediate, yet Carfentanil has been found mixed with heroin and in counterfeit pills.

Acetyl-Fentanyl - A slight variant of fentanyl that is five times more powerful than heroin. It has been found in both heroin and counterfeit pills. Overdose deaths have occurred in multiple states and the drug doesn’t respond as quickly to opioid overdose reversal drugs like naloxone.



FATAL OVERDOSES

Furanyl-Fentanyl - linked to numerous deaths nationwide and is lethal in very small doses. It is 30 to 50 times more potent than similar drugs and can be fatal from just touching it.

Gray Death- a mixture of heroin, fentanyl Carfentanil, Pink (U-47700) or other drugs, that closely resembles cement. It is a deadly mix of potent chemicals that is responsible for numerous overdoses and deaths. Cocktails like Gray Death pack a lethal dose in amounts too small for the human eye to see.

THE BIGGEST RISK

Fentanyl is fatal at very low doses - a fatal dose can be as small as a few grains of table salt - and overdose can happen almost instantly. An overdose victim may lose consciousness, their breathing and heart rate will slow and eventually stop. Due to low oxygen levels in the blood a victim’s skin and nails will turn blue. Seizures, muscle spasms and vomiting are also common. Naloxone can successfully reverse an opioid overdose. However, fentanyl overdose victims don’t always recover as quickly and may need several doses of naloxone to save their life.

Opioids and synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, are highly addictive. Just one use may be enough to get someone hooked. Once addiction sets in, users crave the drug and feel they have to have it no matter what the cost. The addiction to opioids has become a national health crisis. 200+ people die every day from opioid overdose, and fentanyl,

TEST SUBJECTS



or one of its copies, are responsible for 193+ of those deaths. Fentanyl and synthetic opioid deaths have skyrocketed nearly 100x in the past two decades. Fentanyl is so common and so toxic it has now overtaken heroin as the deadliest drug.

YOUR LIFE ISN'T A GAME

Fentanyl and drugs like it are incredibly strong, lethal, and often taken without the user’s knowledge. If you or a loved one are abusing painkillers, heroin, or other opioids, know that using these street drugs is playing a dangerous game of roulette with your life. You have no idea what you are taking. That drug could be cut with fentanyl or one of its powerful analogues. Overdose and death is a real risk. Your best bet at living a healthy, long life? Stay away from these deadly, addictive drugs.

FENTANYL - A DEADLY GAME WITH NO WAY TO WIN

The only way to know if the drug you bought is really fentanyl is via a coroner’s report. Every single dose is a risk that may end your life.