

# Fentanyl and Fake Pills

Helping Families and Children Get Smart and Be Safe

**Protect yourself and your children!**

## WHAT IS FENTANYL?

It is a **deadly drug** being **added to fake pills** that look like real prescription medications. Fentanyl powder is also added to heroin, cocaine, and other street drugs. Fentanyl pills are also made in many colors, so it can look like candy. In its liquid form, fentanyl has been illegally added to nasal sprays, and eye drops.

## WHY IS FENTANYL SO DANGEROUS?

**Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin.**

It's undetectable by sight, smell, or taste. Just **2 milligrams, small enough to fit on the tip of a pencil, can be lethal.** Fentanyl use can cause confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, changes in pupil size, cold and clammy skin, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death.

## HOW WOULD MY CHILD GET FENTANYL?

In addition to street sales, drug dealers are using **social media to sell drugs** to adults and teenagers. Learn about emoji codes used on social media at: <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>.

Young children may get into medications laced with fentanyl and even share them with others. A baby could find a pill or powder on the floor and put it in their mouth. Even the powder left on surfaces can be harmful if swallowed. It's important to safely store and dispose of unused medications in your home, and to be mindful of situations where your children may find them.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED?

Take a virtual **Virtual Opioid Overdose & Naloxone Education training (REVIVE!)** to learn what to do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray to reverse an opioid overdose and what to do afterward. Each attendee receives a free kit with all the supplies needed to administer naloxone.

Register or learn more at: [bit.ly/revive-csb](https://bit.ly/revive-csb)



For more information visit:  
<https://bit.ly/fentanyl-DFS>



Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations provided upon request, call 703-324-5730.

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## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF OVERDOSE?

- ⚠ Face is pale or clammy
- ⚠ Breathing is infrequent or has stopped
- ⚠ Deep snoring or gurgling (death rattle)
- ⚠ Unresponsive to any stimuli
- ⚠ Slow or no heart rate and/or pulse
- ⚠ Bluish purple, or ashen skin color
- ⚠ Fingernails turn blue or blue-black

## WHAT DO I DO IN THE CASE OF AN OVERDOSE?

**Call or text 9-1-1.**

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel carry medication that can prevent death from an opioid overdose.

(Source: <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>.)



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