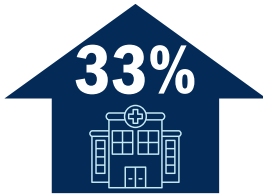


Fentanyl Facts

IN THE FAIRFAX HEALTH DISTRICT IN 2023:

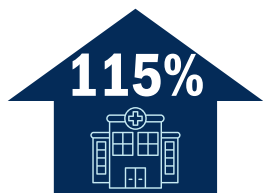


Non-fatal opioid overdose emergency room visits increased from 304 in 2022 to 405.



95% 108 of 114 fatal opioid overdoses involved fentanyl.*

YOUTH UNDER 18



Non-fatal opioid overdose emergency room visits increased from 27 in 2022 to 58.



There were 12 fatal opioid overdoses, all involving fentanyl, from 2020 - 2023.*

ILLEGAL FENTANYL IS DANGEROUS.

Fentanyl is a strong, lab-made pain reliever.

There are two types of fentanyl: medical grade and illegally made fentanyl.



Medical fentanyl is prescribed by a doctor and can be given safely by health professionals.



Illegally made fentanyl is dangerous because it is uncontrolled. The amount of fentanyl in each pill is different and could be fatal.



Illegal fentanyl is used to make counterfeit (fake) prescription pills and added to some drugs.



It's not possible to tell if a pill contains fentanyl by sight, smell, or taste.



People who overdose often don't know they are taking fentanyl.

Call or text 9-1-1 if a situation is immediately life-threatening.

*Preliminary data from OCME, subject to change.

YOU CAN PREVENT OVERDOSES.



Only take pills you get from your pharmacist.



Assume any prescription pill you see online is fake, including Oxy, Percocet, Adderall, and Xanax.



Share with your loved ones the reasons you stay opioid free.



Safely store medication in your home.

fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/prevention/lock-and-talk



Dispose of unused or expired medications.

fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal



Take a training and receive free Naloxone (Narcan), a nasal spray that reverses fentanyl overdoses and saves lives.

fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/heroin-opioids/revive



Learn more and find support resources:

fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/opioids

See more Fairfax Health District data:

fairfaxcounty.gov/health/opioid-overdoses-data

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