

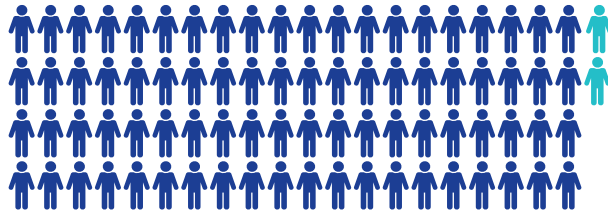
Fentanyl Facts

IN THE FAIRFAX HEALTH DISTRICT IN 2022



Non-fatal opioid overdose emergency room visits increased **50%** from 2019 to 2022.

80 of 82 fatal opioid overdoses, **98%**, involved fentanyl.



YOUTH UNDER 18



Non-fatal opioid overdose emergency room visits increased from 0 to **27** from 2019 – 2022.



There were **7** fatal opioid overdoses, all involving fentanyl, from 2020 – 2022.



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



Naloxone (Narcan) is a nasal spray that reverses fentanyl overdoses and saves lives. Learn more: fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/heroin-oids/revive



See more Fairfax Health District data: fairfaxcounty.gov/health/opioid-overdoses-data

FENTANYL IS A POTENT SYNTHETIC OPIOID.



POTENT. Up to 50x stronger than heroin and 100x stronger than morphine. Even in small doses, it can be deadly.



SYNTHETIC. Illicit fentanyl is manufactured in illegal labs.



OPIOID. Opioids are a potentially addictive group of drugs used to reduce pain.

IN THE U.S.

Fake prescription pills containing fentanyl have been found in all **50** states.



Illicit fentanyl is being used to make fake prescription pills.

It is also found in common street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, and heroin.



You can't see, taste, or smell fentanyl.

It is often consumed unknowingly by users, and is driving the recent increase in U.S. overdose deaths.



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

Only take pills from your pharmacist.



Learn more and find support resources:
fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/opioids

Sources:

cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl • fentanylawarenessday.org • Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE) • Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health



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