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KEEP YOUR CIRCLE SAFE

What to know about
fentanyl, fake pills, and
keeping your friends safe.



Every life lost
to an opioid
overdose is a
big deal, especially
to the friends and
families left behind.

But you can take
small, everyday
steps to protect
the people
you care about
— and that's huge.



For a list of resources,
flip to the last page.

Naloxone (Narcan) reverses
opioid overdoses, including from fentanyl.

See how to
respond to
an overdose
on pages 7 and 8.

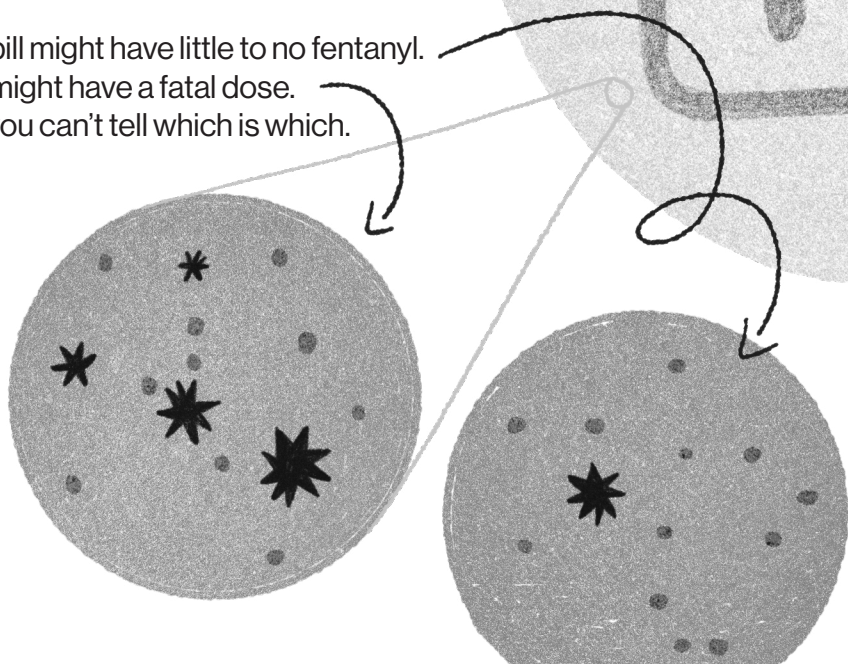


Fentanyl is a powerful, fast-acting opioid.

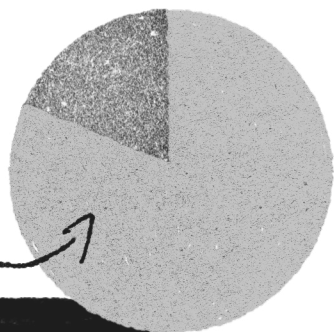
- Illegally made fentanyl is much stronger than other opioids like heroin or morphine.
- It sets in faster and wears off faster, so people who use fentanyl have to use more often to avoid withdrawals.
- When people use more often, their chances of overdosing and becoming dependent go up.

Fentanyl is unevenly mixed into fake pills and other illegal drugs.

One pill might have little to no fentanyl.
One might have a fatal dose.
And you can't tell which is which.



In 2023, 83% of all overdose deaths in Washington involved opioids like fentanyl.



Fentanyl goes by many names.

30s or M-30s

Oxys

Mexis

Percs

Xannies

Blues

Fenny

Skittles


Addy

People are accidentally overdosing on fentanyl thinking they took a real Adderall, OxyContin, Percocet, or Xanax.

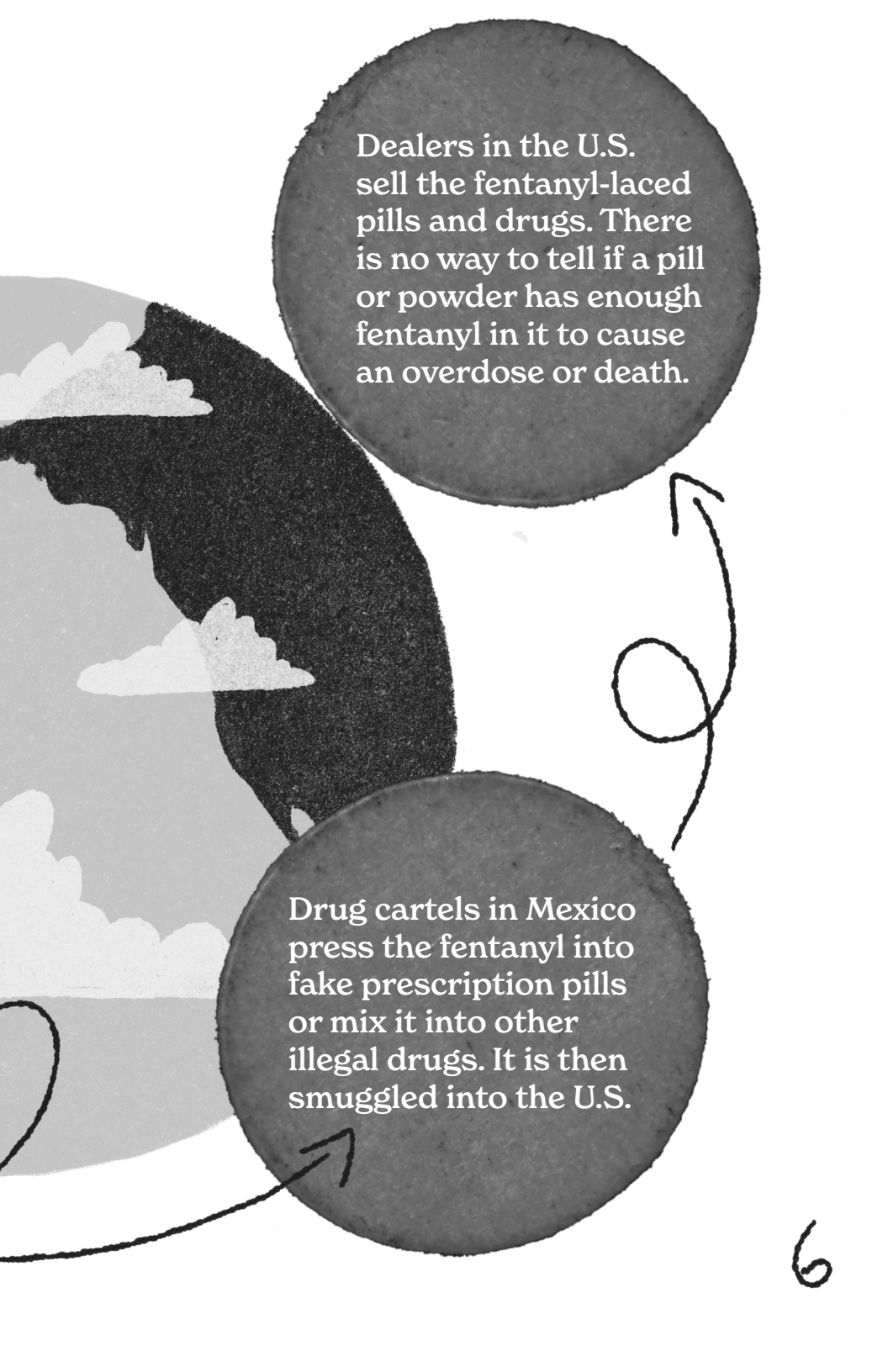
Even if a pill isn't called fentanyl, it could still have fentanyl in it.

Today's illegal drug market is more harmful and unpredictable than ever.

Compared with other illegal opioids, like heroin, fentanyl is cheaper to produce, easier to smuggle and mix into other drugs, and more profitable to sell. It has flooded the market.



Manufacturers in China and India make fentanyl or fentanyl-like substances and sell them to drug cartels or on the dark web.



Dealers in the U.S.
sell the fentanyl-laced
pills and drugs. There
is no way to tell if a pill
or powder has enough
fentanyl in it to cause
an overdose or death.

Drug cartels in Mexico
press the fentanyl into
fake prescription pills
or mix it into other
illegal drugs. It is then
smuggled into the U.S.

Washington state's Good Samaritan laws protect you both from prosecution for drug possession.

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Call 911.

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Lay your friend flat on the ground.

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Check for signs of an overdose:

- Can't wake up
- Slow or no breathing
- Skin turning blue, gray, or purple
- Cold to the touch

How to help a friend who is overdosing

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If they wake up, roll them onto their side.

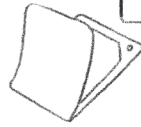
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If they don't respond in 2-3 minutes, give them more naloxone.



You cannot overdose simply by touching fentanyl. Overdoses happen when fentanyl is swallowed, snorted, smoked, or injected and enters the bloodstream.

Or use an
injectable naloxone.
Either works.



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Open a pack of
nasal spray naloxone.

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Hold the canister.

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Insert the nozzle
into your friend's nose.

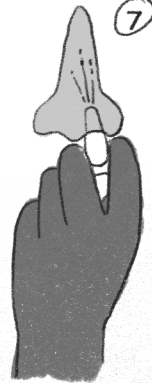
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Press the plunger firmly.
Then remove the nozzle
from their nose.

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Tip their chin back and
breathe into their mouth
once every 5 seconds.

When all is said and done,
make sure you're OK.
You cared for your friend, and
you deserve care too.

RECOVERY & TREATMENT RESOURCES



Call, text, or chat the 988 Lifeline.

Free, confidential mental health support

988lifeline.org/get-help

Call the Washington Recovery Help Line.

Speak with a specialist anytime.

[1.866.789.1511](tel:1.866.789.1511)

Medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD) can play a big role in recovery.

Learn more:

learnabouttreatment.org/treatment/medications-for-opioid-use-disorder

The first step in recovery is meeting with a treatment provider.

Find one near you:

warecoveryhelpline.org/substance-abuse

OTHER RESOURCES

Find naloxone
near you:

[wafriendsforlife.com/
get-naloxone](http://wafriendsforlife.com/get-naloxone)

Get a
conversation
guide and
other tools:

[wafriendsforlife.com/
toolkits](http://wafriendsforlife.com/toolkits)

Connect to a local syringe service
program for free naloxone and test strips.
Search:

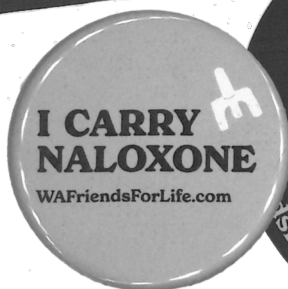
→ Syringe program near me

Buy fentanyl test strips:

- dancesafe.org/shop
- dosetest.com/product/fentanyl-test-strips
- bunkpolice.com/product/fentkit

Find links
to these
resources here.





**Everyone
deserves to live,
and anyone
can be a
friend for life.**

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