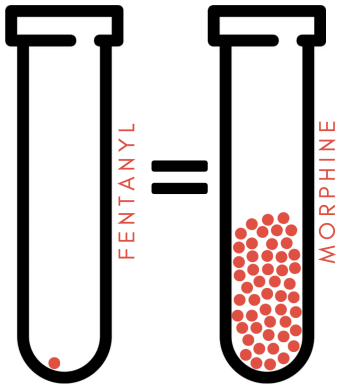


WHAT IS FENTANYL?



Fentanyl is a powerful opioid that is **50 to 100 times more potent than morphine**. Because of fentanyl's high potency, it poses a greater risk for overdose and fatality.

Non-prescribed fentanyl is being sold as counterfeit pills like Norco[®], Percocet[®], Xanax[®], and Oxycontin[®]. It's also being sold as heroin in a powder form and has been found in marijuana, meth, and cocaine.

WHAT'S THE RISK?



People who unknowingly take fentanyl that is mixed into other drugs are at the greatest risk for overdose and fatality.

STATE AND LOCAL TRENDS

In California, there have been several recent reported cases of fatal overdoses from counterfeit pills cut with fentanyl that was purchased on Snapchat and Instagram.

In Monterey County, fatal overdoses from fentanyl tripled from 2019 to 2020.



OTHER SAFETY TIPS

- Be wary of counterfeit pills
- Assume that non-prescribed drugs contain fentanyl
- Never use alone (friends can save your life)
- Always have naloxone (Narcan[®]) in case of overdose
- Start low and go slow (watch and wait before using more)
- Avoid dangerous combos (especially dangerous when mixed with benzos like Xanax and Klonopin, opiates such as heroin, Vicodin, or Oxycontin, and depressants including alcohol)



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