

Fentanyl

[A SYNTHETIC OPIATE NARCOTIC]



What Is Fentanyl?

- A powerful synthetic opioid analgesic that is typically used to treat patients with severe pain or to manage pain after surgery.
- It is also sometimes used to treat patients who are physically tolerant to other opioids.

How is it used illegally?

Fentanyl is sold on the black market and is often used by those who have an opiate addiction to illegal narcotics such as Heroin.

This non-pharmaceutical fentanyl is sold in the following forms:

- Powder
- Mixed with or substituted for heroin
- Tablets that mimic other, less potent opioids.
- Spiked on blotter paper

Why is Fentanyl Dangerous?

High doses of opioids, especially potent opioids such as fentanyl, can cause breathing to stop completely, which can lead to death.

Overdose Warning

The high potency of fentanyl greatly increases risk of overdose, especially if a person who uses drugs is unaware that a powder or pill contains fentanyl.

Overdoses of fentanyl should be treated immediately with naloxone and may require higher doses to successfully reverse the overdose.

Time of Death
2330
Cause of Death
Overdose: Fentanyl
unknowingly taken
with other drugs

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