



Illegally made Fentanyl – Know the Risks!

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A lethal dose of Fentanyl compared to a penny.

What is Illegally-made Fentanyl?

- Distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect, it can be up to 50 times stronger than heroin.
- It may be added to other illicit substances such as heroin, look-alike medications, cocaine and methamphetamine.
- Percentages in drugs have increased to often entirely replace other drugs.

What does it look like?

- Appears in the form of liquid or a white or brown powder and may be mistaken for other drugs
- Pressed into a pill and mislabeled as an actual medication

Signs of overdose include:

- Pinpoint pupils
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Loss of consciousness, limp body
- Choking sounds
- Cold, clammy skin; discolored skin, lips and nails

What to do in the event of an overdose?

- Call 911 immediately and stay until emergency assistance arrives.
- Administer naloxone (Narcan).
- Try to keep person awake and breathing.
- Lay person on side to prevent choking.

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