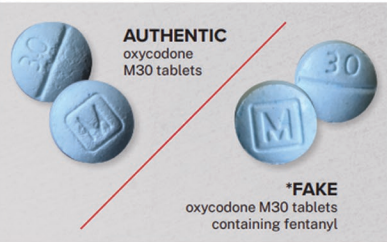


# FENTANYL

## FACT SHEET

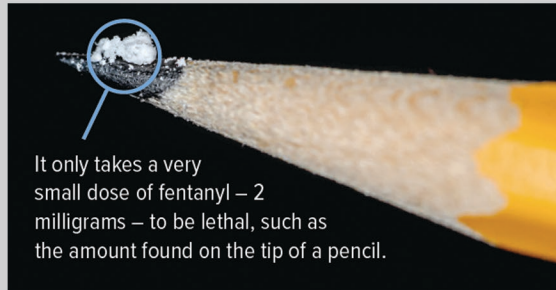


### What is fentanyl?

FENTANYL is a deadly synthetic opioid that is being pressed into fake pills or cut into heroin, cocaine, and other street drugs to drive addiction.

### Why is fentanyl so dangerous?

DEA lab testing reveals that four out of every ten fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.



**FENTANYL IS  
50x  
MORE POTENT  
THAN HEROIN**



### What are the physical and mental effects of fentanyl?

Fentanyl use can cause confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, changes in pupil size, cold and clammy skin, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death.

### Tips for Parents & Caregivers

- Encourage open and honest communication
- Explain what fentanyl is and why it is so dangerous
- Stress not to take any pills that were not prescribed to you from a doctor
- No pill purchased on social media is safe
- Make sure they know fentanyl has been found in most illegal drugs
- Create an "exit plan" to help your child know what to do if they're pressured to take a pill or use drugs

For more tips on how to talk to your child about drugs, read Chapter 4 of Growing Up Drug Free: A Parent's Guide to Substance Use Prevention at [www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/publications](http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com/publications)



### What are fake pills?

The Sinaloa Cartel and Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion are making fentanyl and pressing it into fake pills. Fake pills are made to look like OxyContin®, Xanax®, Adderall®, and other pharmaceuticals. These fake pills contain no legitimate medicine.



Fentanyl is also made in a rainbow of colors so it looks like candy.

**These pills are FAKE!**  
They are rainbow oxycodone M30 tablets containing fentanyl.

### How would my child get fentanyl?

Drug traffickers are using social media to advertise drugs and conduct sales. If you have a smartphone and a social media account, then a drug trafficker can find you. This also means they are finding your kids who have social media accounts.

To learn about emoji codes used on social media, visit Emoji Drug Code Decoded on [www.dea.gov/onepill](http://www.dea.gov/onepill).

### Why you should be concerned.

- The drug landscape is dramatically different from when you grew up, or even from just a few years ago.
- All parents and caregivers need to be educated on current drug threats to be able to have informed talks with their kids.

The above information was obtained from the Drug Enforcement Administration at [www.dea.gov/onepill](http://www.dea.gov/onepill)



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### NEED HELP?



24/7 Mental Health and  
AODA Crisis Line  
(Northwest Connections)  
1-888-552-6642



Please Note: If you suspect an overdose, call 911 to get the person medical attention immediately!