

WHAT IS FENTANYL?

Fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic opioid prescribed for the treatment of acute and chronic pain, usually in patients already tolerant to high doses of less powerful opioids such as morphine or oxycodone. Fentanyl is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 40 times more potent than heroin.

You can't see it, smell it or taste it, but if your drug of choice is cut with fentanyl, it can kill you. A deadly dose of fentanyl is 2mg, which is equal to just 2 grains of salt.

WHAT IS THE MOST COMMONLY FOUND FORM OF FENTANYL IN ONTARIO?

Fentanyl is a white, crystallized powder substance with no odour. It is most commonly found in Ontario in the form of a therapeutic patch, but can also be found illicitly in the form of counterfeit medications, as a cutting ingredient in cocaine and heroin, or on its own.

WHAT IS FENTANYL CALLED ON THE STREETS?

Fentanyl is known by several street names: patch sticky sticker or strips.

WHERE DO THESE DRUGS COME FROM?

Fentanyl is obtained in a number of ways including sale of legitimate prescriptions, theft of prescriptions, theft from institutions with drug inventories, double doctoring, fraudulent prescriptions, purchased from dark web internet sites and clandestinely produced.

CAN I TEST MY DRUGS FOR FENTANYL?

No, there is no rapid detection test for fentanyl that is currently available for general use.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK SOMEONE IS OVERDOSING?

Call 9-1-1 immediately.

WHAT IS AN OPIOID?

Opioids are medications that relieve pain.

WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone is a medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an overdose from opioids such as fentanyl, heroin, methadone, morphine.

WHERE CAN I GO TO GET HELP?

If you suspect someone has overdosed, contact 9-1-1 immediately and begin performing basic life support. [Click here](#) to contact health units in Ontario that provide training for Naloxone kits.