# Real Deal on Fentany 1

# What is fentanyl?

A synthetic opioid that is often made illegally and found in illicit drugs and counterfeit pills that look like real medication.

## Who is affected?

Drug overdose deaths in people ages 10-19 more than doubled from 2019 to 2021, with 84% of these deaths involving illicit fentanyl.



### You can also:

- Listen to friends and family who are having a hard time.
- Stay connected with friends, family, and your community.
- Practice safe, healthy ways to cope with challenging emotions.

# Why is fentany l a big deal?

Fentanyl is deadly; all it takes is 2 milligrams, about as much as a few grains of sand or salt. Taking a counterfeit pill that contains fentanyl could be the last thing someone does.





- Only take medications prescribed by your doctor and filled by a licensed pharmacy.
- Know the signs of an overdose, including tiny pupils, weak breathing, and slow heart rate.
- Consider carrying an opioid overdose reversal medication, like naloxone.
- Call 911 if someone you know is in danger.
- Don't take a pill from anyone who's not your doctor

   even if you trust them, it's impossible to know
   exactly where the pill came from.
- Don't leave someone alone if they've taken an illicit drug.



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