Fentanyl Facts for Students

Fentanyl is a synthetic, highly addictive opioid prescription drug used to treat severe pain. This prescription drug usually comes in the form of a slow release patch. But now illegal non-prescription powdered Fentanyl is being laced in other opioids and illegal street drugs.

ILLEGAL (NON-PRESCRIPTION) FENTANYL HAS NO QUALITY CONTROL

YOU CAN'T...

1. **SEE** IT
2. **SMELL** IT
3. **TASTE** IT

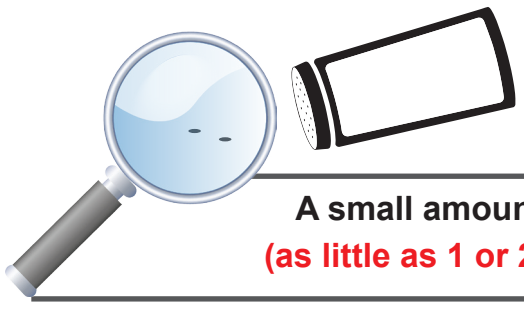
Fentanyl is 100x more toxic than Morphine

Morphine

Fentanyl

Facts and Stats

676 is the total number of people who died of opioid related causes in 2014, in Ontario. Far more than Motor vehicle collisions deaths of that same year 481.*



A small amount is DEADLY
(as little as 1 or 2 grains of salt)

It is being added to illegal street drugs and party drugs

if you choose to use...

REDUCE YOUR RISK

BE AWARE!

Never take anything from an unknown source! Always use NEW equipment!

LOWER YOUR CHANCE OF AN OVERDOSE

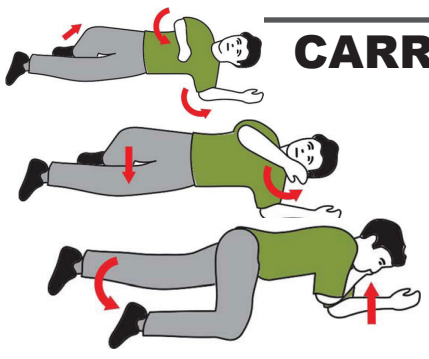
Never use alone

Never mix drugs (including alcohol)

Go slow, take a small test dose to see how it goes

SOME SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

- *Unresponsive*
- *Does not wake easily*
- *Limp body*
- *Lips and finger nails turn blue*
- *Slow breathing*
- *NO breathing*
- *Vomitting*
- *Cold and clammy*



CARRY NALOXONE

Get trained using Naloxone at your local pharmacy

Know how to put someone in the recovery position

Call 911

Stay with the person

If you have any questions please contact us at **519-663-5446**

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* Gomes T, Greaves S, Martins D, et al. Latest Trends in Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario: 1991 to 2015. Toronto: Ontario Drug Policy Research Network; April 2017.