

# COUNTERFEIT PILLS, AKA FAKE PILLS

## Fake pills, what are they?

- “Fake pills” or “counterfeit pills” are made to look like prescription pills but are illegally produced fake pills that contain unknown substances, including fentanyl.
- Fake pills are sold through illegal channels and social media. They are widely available.

## Common fake pills include:

- Oxycodone (Oxycontin & Percocet)
- Hydrocodone (Vicodin)
- Alprazolam (Xanax).
- Stimulants (Adderall and Ritalin).

## Fake pills on the rise, increasingly more lethal

- The DEA has seized more than 9.5 million pills from January-September 2021. More than the last two years combined.
- The DEA's lab found 2 of every 5 pills contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl.

## Naloxone and test strips

- Naloxone/narcan can reverse an opioid overdose (including fentanyl).
- Fentanyl test strips are a tool to test an unregulated substance for the contamination of fentanyl.
- Naloxone can be found at [naloxoneforall.org](http://naloxoneforall.org) and fentanyl test strips can be purchased at [btnx.com/harmreduction](http://btnx.com/harmreduction)