Fake Pills

The dangers of fentanyl laced pills & how to respond to an emergency

Q Drug use among teens is at a record low, so why are teen overdose deaths higher than ever?

A **Fentanyl Poisoning.** This synthetic opioid is added to other drugs - making them deadly in small doses.

! Assume that pills are fake unless you buy them from a pharmacy. **Fake pills look, feel, and smell just like real ones.**

Fake Pills Containing Fentanyl

Real Oxycodone M30 Pills

source: DEA

This amount of fentanyl could be deadly.

One Pill Can Kill

6 out of 10 fake pills tested by the DEA had enough fentanyl to kill someone.

Why is fentanyl hidden in drugs?

It's cheap, powerful, and easy to get. People who deal fentanyl can sell it under the name of a more expensive drug, like Percocet or Xanax, to increase their profits.

Drug overdose deaths among teens nearly **tripled** between 2019 and the end of 2021.

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How can you respond to an overdose emergency?

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Signs of an opioid overdose

- Tiny pupils
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak, or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold and/or sweaty skin
- Grayish/bluish lips and nails

What To Do If You Think Someone is Overdosing

- Call 911 for help
- Give them **Narcan**
- Do rescue breathing
- Roll them onto their side
- Monitor them for several hours

Naloxone AKA **Narcan** is a nasal spray which stops an overdose for 30-90 minutes. Anyone can give Narcan in an emergency. It's safe to use, even on someone who is not overdosing on opioids.

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California's Good Samaritan Law Will Protect You

You won't get in trouble for giving Naloxone or calling 911 - even if you were using drugs*

*This does not apply if you were the one who gave them drugs, or if you were driving under the influence at the time of the emergency.

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