

WHAT IS FENTANYL?



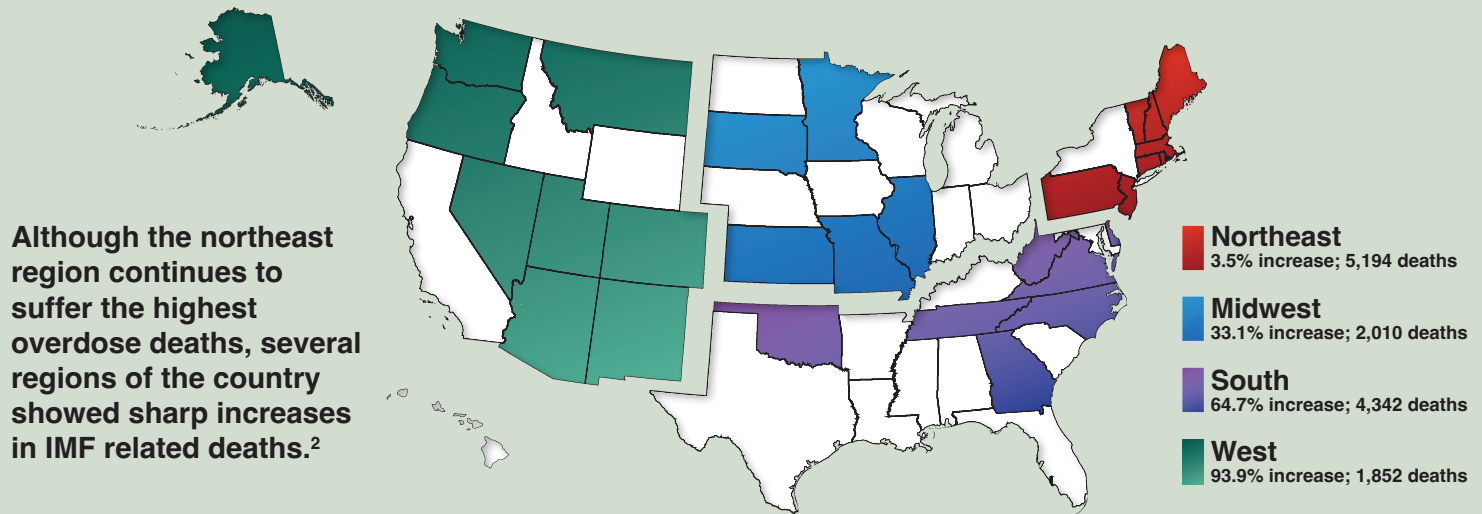
Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is approximately **50X MORE POTENT THAN MORPHINE¹**

Many people are exposed to fentanyl without knowledge while others use it intentionally because of its potency.

OVERDOSE DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEEDED 100,000 IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR THE FIRST TIME!

64% of these deaths involved synthetic opioids, mainly illicitly manufactured fentanyls (IMFs) (May 2020-April 2021)²

This is up from the more than 91,000 overdose deaths that occurred the previous year. (December 2019-December 2020)³



*In jurisdictions participating in State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS).

FENTANYL IS IMPACTING MINORITIES AT AN ALARMING RATE!

Non-Hispanic Blacks had the highest mortality rate due to synthetic opioids other than methadone in 2020. In addition, from 2013-2020, the highest changes in this rate were for: non-Hispanic Blacks, Hispanics, non-Hispanic Whites.⁴



47.6X

Overdose deaths involving IMF rose 47.6-fold among Non-Hispanic Blacks.⁴



35.7X

Overdose deaths involving IMF rose 35.7-fold among Hispanics.⁴



15.9X

Overdose deaths involving IMF rose 15.9-fold among Non-Hispanic Whites.⁴



YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES - CARRY NALOXONE!



AN OVERDOSE CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE.

If you suspect an opioid overdose, administer NALOXONE and get emergency medical assistance right away. NALOXONE is a small, easy to carry medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.



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HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE.



UNRESPONSIVE



IRREGULAR BREATHING



GRAY, BLUE, OR PALE SKIN COLOR



VERY SMALL PUPILS

HOW TO REVERSE AN OVERDOSE.

Immediate action saves lives! Good Samaritan Laws protect you when you are trying to help someone in need.

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

Call 911, or direct someone nearby to call and say that you are supporting a suspected overdose.



ADMINISTER NALOXONE

Even though the person is unresponsive, 1) Announce that you are going to give naloxone 2) Spray the naloxone in the person's nose.



ADMINISTER CPR

Tilt the individual's head back to make sure their airways are open.

Apply chest compressions.



GIVE NALOXONE AGAIN

Administer additional Naloxone if the person does not regain color or breathing, otherwise continue chest compressions, until help arrives.



REMAIN CALM & COMFORTING

If the person is revived, remain calm and compassionate and encourage them to accept help or stay in a public place.



Harm reduction is all about keeping people safe in a practical way. **Simple tips are to:**

CARRY NALOXONE | NEVER USE ALONE | GO SLOW | TEST YOUR DRUGS

TEST YOUR DRUGS FOR FENTANYL.



FENTANYL TEST STRIPS CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF FENTANYL IN YOUR SUBSTANCE.⁵

Even if your drugs test negative for fentanyl, use caution and remember the harm reduction steps to take.

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