

## *What You Need to Know*

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### **WHAT IS FENTANYL?**

Fentanyl is a synthetic Opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major cause of fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.

### **TWO TYPES OF FENTANYL:**

- Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgeries.
- Illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed through street drugs like heroin.

### **WHAT ARE SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE?**

- Small, constricted pupils
- Unable to wake
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Cold and/or clammy skin
- Discolored skin (especially lips and nails)

### **HOW CAN SOMEONE REVERSE AN OPIOID OVERDOSE?**

Naloxone (Narcan) is a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Narcan is available free of charge throughout Oakland County. Find harm reduction services and free naloxone nearest you at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/drugcontrol/syringe-service-programs/find-ssp-near-me/find-a-syringe-service-program-near-me>

### **STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO SAVE A LIFE:**

- Call 911 immediately
- Administer Narcan, if available
- Check breathing and administer CPR, if necessary
- If the person is breathing, lay them on their side to prevent choking
- Repeat the naloxone if no breathing after 2 minutes
- Stay with the person until help arrives

### **FENTANYL TEST STRIPS:**

- Fentanyl test strips are available and can be a helpful tool in detecting if there is Fentanyl present in the drug supply. Call Oakland County Harm Reduction at 248-858-1729 for information about free test strips.

### **HARM REDUCTION TIPS:**

- Carry Narcan and know how to use it
- Don't use alone
- Test your drugs if you can
- Ask us for help when you are ready for treatment

- Contact Oakland County Harm Reduction at 248-858-1729 to talk with a Harm Reduction specialists



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/>

NEXT Distro: <https://nextdistro.org/>

National Harm Reduction Coalition: <https://harmreduction.org/>

Fentanyl Testing Strips: <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/fentanyl-test-strips.html>

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