



One Pill Can Kill

The Dangers of Fentanyl



What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used for pain relief that is 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin.

A lethal dose of fentanyl is estimated to be as little as 2 milligrams, or about 10 to 15 grains of table salt.

The amount of fentanyl next to this penny can kill the average person.

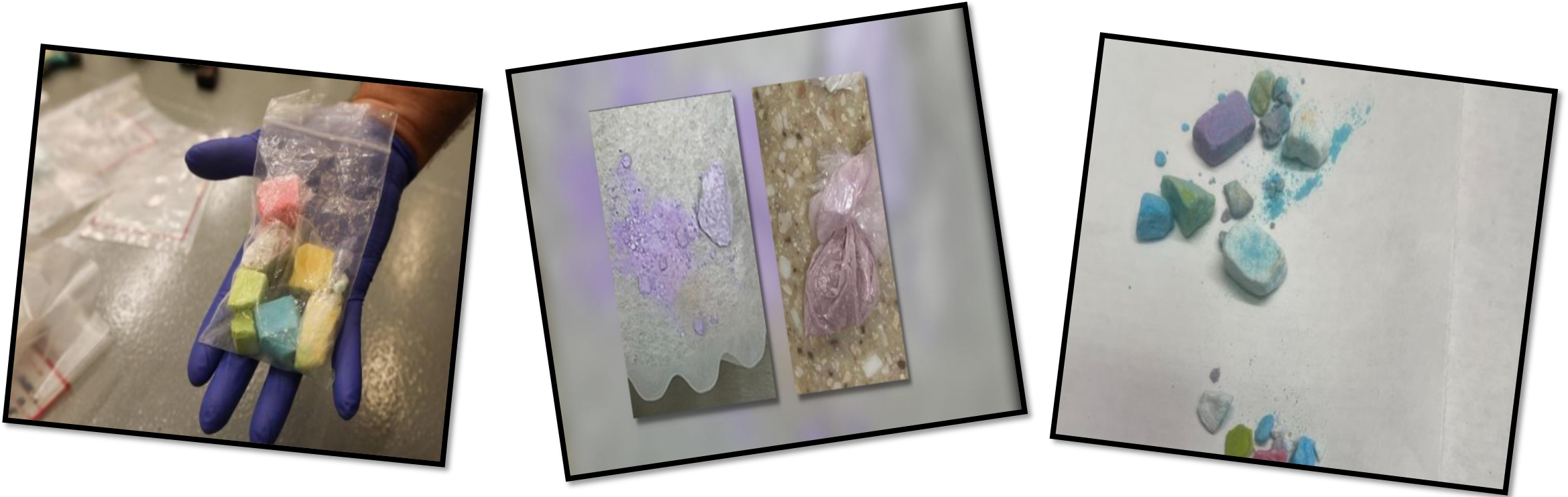


Fentanyl

- There are two types of Fentanyl. Pharmaceutical Grade and Illicitly Manufactured.
- Pharmaceutical Fentanyl, can be found in transdermal, liquid and powder forms. It can be given as a shot, a patch for your skin, or a lozenge.
- Illicit Fentanyl is found in liquid and powder forms.
- Fentanyl causes: extreme happiness, drowsiness, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, problems breathing and unconsciousness.
- 150 people die per day from overdoses by synthetic opioids like Fentanyl.

Rainbow Fentanyl

‘Rainbow Fentanyl’ is an Illicitly manufactured fentanyl powder that comes in a variety of bright colors. This form can be pressed into a fake pill and is also used by intravenous drug users.



Drugs that are Frequently Cut with Fentanyl

Dealers often cut their illicit drugs with fentanyl because it's cheap and makes the drugs they are selling have a powerful high, so as to attract more customers.

The most common drugs Fentanyl is added to:

Heroin

Cocaine

Methamphetamine

MDMA (Ecstasy)

Marijuana and Synthetic Marijuana

*** Fake prescription pills made from Fentanyl ***

How is Fentanyl a Danger to Teens and Young Adults?

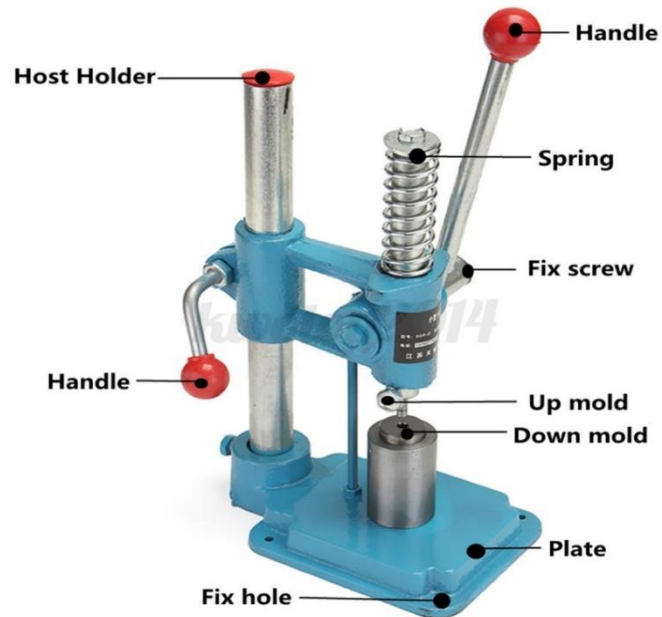
- When members of Compact have talked to teens and young adults in Shelby County, some of the most popular and readily available pills students report being taken recreationally within their age groups are **Xanax, Percocet and Adderall**.
- As of November 2022, the Drug Enforcement Agency reported that of seized fake prescription pills they analyzed in a lab, **6 out of 10 pills** contained a potentially lethal dose of Fentanyl.
- As of November 2022, the Shelby County Coroner reported that the majority of fake pills she sees people overdose on are **blue and white-colored fake Xanax**.
- **64%** of all drug overdose deaths in Shelby County involved Fentanyl.

If you have a friend who regularly uses pills not prescribed to them and purchased from a drug dealer, they are in danger of accidentally taking a fake pill containing Fentanyl.

Why are fake pills containing fentanyl being sold?

It is cheaper for drug dealers to make fake pills using a pill press than it is to buy real pharmaceutical pills from the underworld market. Illicit pill makers will take Fentanyl powder mixed with cutting agents and press it using a mold of a known pharmaceutical drug, and create a fake pill.

Pill Press and Xanax mold



Real or fake Xanax pills?



'It's getting worse': Fentanyl overdoses on the rise in Shelby County

*by Valerie Bell abc3340.com
Monday, September 19th 2022*

"This is one of those problems that you can't make a mistake, then learn from your mistake. Tragically we see a lot of families suffering through the wake of loss because their loved one went one step too far with drug exposure. So what we want to do as an outreach effort, we want to educate the community and let them know there are no safe drugs in the community," said Major Clay Hammac with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

"It makes no difference what the intended use is, if you're chasing a euphoric high or whether you are genuinely addicted. It's deadly and grabbing ahold of young adults in such a way where we see families shaken to their core because of this," said Hammac.

Why is fentanyl dangerous? Selma High School student dies as 3 others hospitalized after possible exposure to drug

By Srishi Marwah Modified 11 Nov 2022



‘On Tuesday, November 8, a high school student from Selma High School, Alabama, died after he was exposed to **fentanyl**. Three other students were also admitted to the hospital on Tuesday after they showed signs of severe illness. Authorities were immediately called to Selma High School when the pupils began showing signs of illness.’

‘Meanwhile, a parent informed the WSFA media house how the student who passed away suddenly became unresponsive and was later given Narcan. He was rushed to Vaughan Regional Medical Center, where he was declared dead. Since the deceased is a juvenile, the name and other details of the sophomore student have not been revealed.’

‘Dallas County District Attorney Michael Jackson has indicated that the death of the 16-year-old Selma High School student was due to fentanyl. However, the exact cause of death will be determined by the toxicology report.’

Alabama girl, 15, dies from fentanyl, arrest made: 'Just can't believe this'

Published: Sep. 07, 2022, 12:42 p.m. By Tandra Smith / tsmith@aol.com

A 15-year-old girl was found dead in south Alabama last week, likely due to a fentanyl exposure, and now officials have made an arrest in her death. Adrianna Taylor, a student at Mary G. Montgomery High School, was found unresponsive in a Semmes home last Wednesday. Officials with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office believe the **cause of death to be due the ingestion of some pills that were possibly laced with fentanyl. A 17-year-old suspect has been charged with manslaughter and distribution of a controlled substance,** according to the sheriff's office, but the name of that suspect won't be released due to their age. "We're going to very publicly go after everyone that we find out is dealing fentanyl-laced drugs," Chief Deputy Paul Burch [told local outlet](#) WALA. He added that those individuals could face murder or manslaughter charges. "We do anticipate a number of charges on a number of people," Burch said. Taylor's friends and family have been very active on social media about their grief and what they're feeling about her death.

"We been friends since babies," wrote friend Haley Williamson [on Facebook](#) last week. "Just can't believe this." **Ashton Logan, her sister, wrote a lengthy post [on Facebook](#) last Friday about Taylor. "We lost our dad just over a year ago now so I know he's so glad his baby girl is with him right now in the beautiful blue gates," Logan said. "We were not just sisters. We were best friends."** Taylor was just shy of her 16th birthday at the time of her death. Officials are still investigating.



Ohio State Warns of Fake Adderall Pills After Two Students Die

May 9, 2022 - Cara Murez HealthDay Reporter

‘Ohio State University is warning students to be wary of fake Adderall pills after two students died last week.’

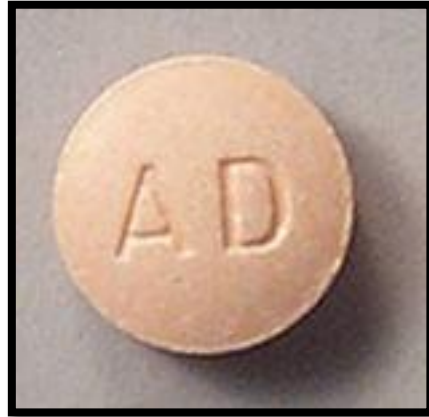
‘University officials said that Columbus Public Health has warned the community about the counterfeit Adderall, which contain the deadly synthetic opioid fentanyl and are fueling increases in overdoses and hospitalizations in the area.’

‘Counterfeit drugs may be even more dangerous. They are among the pills **sold on social media** and made to look like real prescription drugs, according to the [Drug Enforcement Agency](#).’

Identification of Common Pills Abused by Teens and Young Adults

Stimulants

Adderall

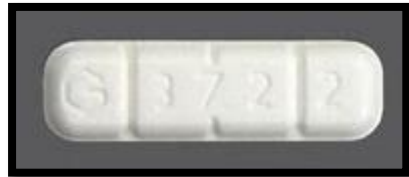


Ritalin



Sedatives

Xanax



Valium



Klonopin



Ativan



Pain Relievers

Oxycodone



Norco



Hydrocodone



Percocet



Fake Oxycodone Pills of Various Colors

Oxycodone pills of various milligrams, colors, and manufacturers

Fentanyl pills marked and colored to look like Oxycodone



Fentanyl-Laced Marijuana



Drug dealers in Alabama and nationwide are adding Fentanyl to marijuana and synthetic marijuana to enhance the drugs' effect.

Man charged with murder after allegedly selling fentanyl-laced marijuana to victim in Leeds

by: [Drew Taylor](#) Posted: Nov 17, 2022 / 05:18 PM

LEEDS, Ala. ([WIAT](#)) — One man was arrested and charged with murder after someone died from an overdose caused by marijuana laced with fentanyl, the Leeds Police Department reports. According to LPD Chief Paul Irwin, Jose Ignacio Medina-Estrada allegedly sold fentanyl-laced marijuana to a 31-year-old man, who died after ingesting it on Aug. 18. Medina-Estrada, 33, was arrested during a search warrant in the 100 block of Madison Drive in Leeds Tuesday and charged with murder.

CT lab confirms marijuana laced with Fentanyl is a new public safety threat

By [Shannon Miller](#) / Published November 22, 2021 / Updated on November 22, 2021 at 7:01 pm

“In the past four months, the Connecticut Department of Public Health reports there have been 39 cases where people needed naloxone and had to be revived after apparent opioid overdoses. The patients said they had only smoked marijuana.

“.....narcotics dealers say adding fentanyl keeps them competitive with the growing legalized medical and commercial marijuana market.”

Fentanyl-Laced Candy Similar to Edible Cannabis Products

Police in Georgia Warn of Fentanyl Laced Gummy Bears

Jennie Taer The Free Press 2021-08-05

‘The perpetrators “infused” melted Jolly Ranchers with fentanyl, then molded them to look like gummy bears and rewrapped them in the Jolly Rancher wrappers, Lieutenant Shaun Barnett of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department told the Daily Caller News Foundation.’



The possibility of a vape being laced with Fentanyl



Alabama girl who died of fentanyl overdose told parents vapes laced with drug were in her school

Howard Koplowitz, al.com - Sep 15

‘The 15-year-old Alabama girl who died of a Fentanyl overdose late last week reportedly told her parents **that vapes laced with the drug were passed around her high school.**’

‘Capt. Paul Burch with the Mobile County Sheriff’s Office said the 15-year-old girl told her family that fentanyl-laced vapes were being passed around Mary G. Montgomery High School in Semmes, where she was a student, WKRG reported Thursday.’

The possibility of a vape being laced with Fentanyl



‘In September 2019, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) San Diego Division was contacted by local authorities in regards to a suspected fentanyl overdose death. The roommate of the deceased, who admitted to **vaping fentanyl on a regular basis**, told agents there was fentanyl and possibly carfentanil (a synthetic opioid used by veterinarians for large animals) located in their shared residence, as well as fentanyl-laced “vape” tanks. The San Diego County Medical Examiner (SDCME) reports this was first case in which they had found fentanyl in vape pens.’

Although Fentanyl-laced vapes are not common, it is possible to lace a vape with any substance a user wishes.

Just Trying to Feel Normal

Fentanyl-laced pills lead to overdose of Bellingham teen

By Joe Teehan February 3, 2021, KGMI News

“BELLINGHAM, Wash. — A Bellingham family is devastated following the overdose death of a 16-year-old girl. Relatives post that **she had been feeling anxiety** and tried to augment her prescription medication with Percocet she bought on the street in Bellingham. The pills turned out to be counterfeits that contained the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl.”



Dearest friends, for those of you who haven't heard already, Cyan died last week after taking Percocet that was laced with Fentanyl. Cyan was my world, such a beautiful, kind, gifted and intelligent person, so very deeply loved. Gone in an instant. I am beyond devastated and just completely buried in grief. I'm having trouble talking at all or responding to messages and texts, and Facebook is a land mine, so I'm going to post this and not get back on for a while, so I won't see comments or messages you leave here. I just wanted you to know what's going on. If you've reached out to me and I haven't responded, know that your love and support mean so much to me. I'm just not capable of much right now. I can't imagine ever being honestly. Please hold each other close.

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Fentanyl Overdose Symptoms

- Awake but unable to talk
 - Body is very limp, loss of consciousness
- Pulse (heartbeat) that is slow, erratic, or not there at all
- Gurgling, heavy wheezing, snoring sounds or choking sounds.
- Breathing that is very slow and shallow, erratic, or has stopped
 - Bluish purple or grayish skin tone, lips or fingernails.
 - No response to pain stimulus such as being pinched
 - Pinpoint pupils
 - Vomiting

What to do if Signs of an Overdose are Present

- 1. Call 911 Immediately.**
- 2. Emergency dispatchers will give you instructions.**
- 3. Administer Naloxone, if available.**
- 4. Try to keep the person awake and breathing.**
- 5. Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.**
- 6. Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.**

NALOXONE

Naloxone is a synthetic drug that blocks opiate receptors in the nervous system. Many friends and families of people addicted to opiates keep this close by in case their loved one overdoses.

Naloxone will not cause harm to anyone if they have not used an opiate.



To Obtain Free Naloxone

(English or Spanish)



www.jcdh.org/naloxone

Questions: 205-930-1065

Asking for Help

If you, a friend, or a family member is struggling with abusing substances, please reach out and let's talk about how others can help.

The following slides list people you can contact.



Teen Talk Lines

Compact Teen Talk Line

205-605-1830

Crisis Center UTalk Teen and Text Line

205-328-5465

Assistance with a Child involved with Drug Use or High Risk Behavior

Compact Parent Talk Line

205-605-1827

Compact Main Line

205-605-1824



Drug Abuse Assistance

**Alabama Department of Mental Health and the
Recovery Organization of Support Specialists State Hotline**

1-844-307-1760

Addiction Prevention Coalition

205-874-8498

Recovery Resource Center

205-458-3377



Drug Abuse Education and Information

Compact

[**www.compact2020.com**](http://www.compact2020.com)

DEA

[**www.dea.gov**](http://www.dea.gov)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

[**www.samhsa.gov**](http://www.samhsa.gov)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

[**www.nida.nih.gov**](http://www.nida.nih.gov)

Sources:

- Drug Enforcement Agency -
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration -
- National Institute on Drug Abuse -
- Centers for Disease Control –
- Jefferson County Department of Health -