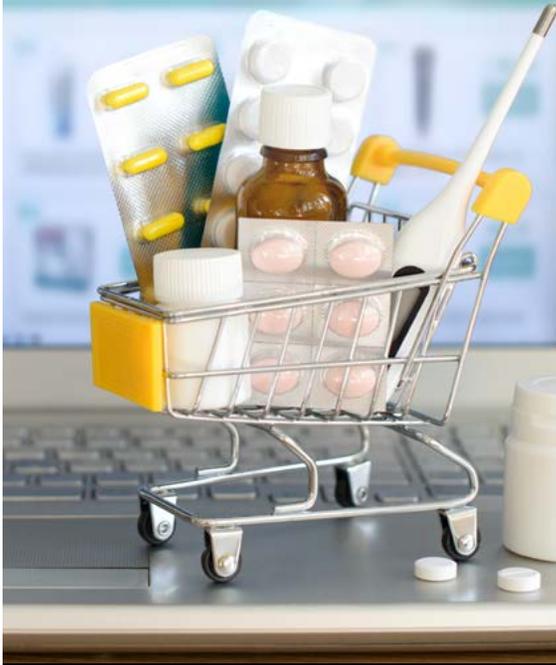


Tips for parents and caregivers

- Encourage open and honest communication
- Explain what **fentanyl** is and why it is so dangerous
- Emphasize not taking pills that were not prescribed by a doctor
- Make sure everyone in your family knows that **fentanyl** is found in most illegal drugs
- Create an “exit plan” to help your child know what to do if they are pressured to take a pill or use drugs

**PILLS
PURCHASED
THROUGH
social media
are not safe**



Find more tips on how to talk about the dangers of drug use in

Chapter 4 of

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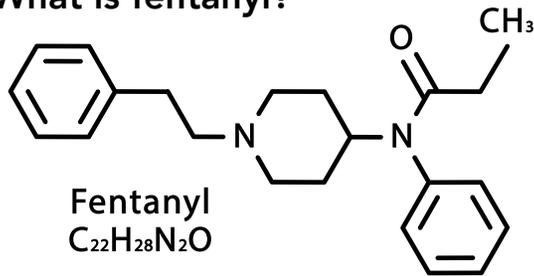


**DRUG SAFETY
AWARENESS**

What every family needs to know about fake pills

**ONE
PILL CAN
KILL**

What is fentanyl?



Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use as an analgesic (pain relief) and anesthetic.

Fentanyl is

100x

more potent than

MORPHINE

50x

more potent than

HEROIN

Why is fentanyl so dangerous?

Lab testing reveals that six out of every 10 fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.

Fentanyl is...



**invisible,
odorless and
tasteless.**

What are the effects of fentanyl?

It can cause confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, changes in pupil size, cold/clammy skin, coma and respiratory failure leading to death.

How is it abused?

It can be injected, snorted/sniffed, smoked, taken in pill/tablet form, or spiked onto blotter paper.

What does it look like?

Legal fentanyl products are currently available as:

- Oral lozenges (lollipops)
- Tablets
- Nasal or oral sprays
- Patches

Illegally produced fentanyl is in powder or tablet form and is often mixed with cocaine or heroin.

How would my child get fentanyl?

Drug traffickers use social media to advertise and conduct sales. If you have a smartphone and a social media account, a drug trafficker can find you or your child.

To learn about emoji codes used on social media, visit [Emoji Drug Code Decoded on www.dea.gov/onepill](http://www.dea.gov/onepill)



What are fake pills?

Fake pills are made to look like OxyContin®, Zanax®, Adderall®, and other pharmaceuticals. These fake pills contain NO legitimate medicine.

Fentanyl is also made in a rainbow of colors so it looks like candy.

