

COUNTERFEIT PILLS

What You Need to Know About Counterfeit Pills and Fentanyl



KNOW THE FACTS

- Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 100 times more potent. Counterfeit opioids, specifically fentanyl, are now **the most common drug involved in drug overdose deaths** not only in the United States but, more specifically, in Arizona.
- Illicit fentanyl is most commonly sold as a powder or made to look like prescription pills, such as Oxycodone and Xanax.
- According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), **2 milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose**. That amount is similar to a few grains of salt. A tiny amount can be deadly.
- **SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE:** pinpoint pupils, loss of consciousness, slow or weak breathing, cold and/or clammy skin, and a limp or weak body.



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DATA TRENDS

- In 2024, there were 3,979 verified non-fatal opioid overdoses in Arizona. Of those non-fatal overdoses, 2,853 involved fentanyl. (azdhs.gov)
- In 2024, there were 1,367 fatal overdoses. Of those fatal overdoses, 73 were in the age range 0-24. (azdhs.gov)
- Laboratory testing indicates 5 out of every 10 pills seized by DEA contain a deadly dose of fentanyl. (dea.gov)

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