

Fentanyl Myth vs Facts

Q: Is there real prescription medicine in the pills you buy on social media, online, or on the street?

Fact: No, there is no real prescription medicine in any of the pills you buy on social media, online, or on the street. Criminal drug traffickers are mass-producing illegal fentanyl and pressing it in fake prescription pills made to look like real pills or hiding it in other illegal drugs. This is deliberate and deceptive.

Q: Is there a chance I can become ill or overdose from being exposed to fentanyl without ingesting it?

Fact: Yes, there is a possibility that when you come into contact with fentanyl, depending on the purity and circumstances, that it can create bad reactions. Contact local law enforcement or school officials if you find something that may be fentanyl.

Q: Can I trust pills that I get from someone I know, friends, followers on social media?

Fact: No. It is important for students to be aware of the extreme risks involved in taking a substance that wasn't provided by a trusted medical professional. We cannot stress enough that the pill a friend gives you could contain fentanyl. They may not even realize it, but unless it is from a trusted medical professional, you cannot trust it.

Q: If the pill is stamped with markings such as "M-30" does that mean it's real and safe?

Fact: No. Drug dealers are designing these fake oxycodone prescription pills to look like real prescription pills down to the size, shape, color and stamping. These fake prescription pills typically resemble real prescription opioid medications such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®).

Q: If I take half a fake pill will that lessen my chances of overdosing or being poisoned?

Fact: No. These fake pills are produced in unregulated, filthy labs. The mixture is very irregular and can vary from one pill to another. An example of this would be a chocolate chip cookie. One half of a cookie may have more chocolate chips than the other half. Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, the amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, can potentially kill someone.

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