

STAYING SAFER *with fentanyl*

Fentanyl (and its analogs) are highly potent synthetic opioids and are associated with 2/3 of all overdose deaths in SLO County. Heroin, meth, cocaine, counterfeit pills, and other substances are being laced with fentanyl. The only way to know if your supply may contain fentanyl is to test it using a fentanyl test strip. Test strips are not 100% accurate; they are one tool to reduce risk. Follow the directions below to test your drugs before using, then flip this card over to learn how to use with caution!



Imagine the chips are where the fentanyl is. Testing only some of your drugs may lead to a false negative.

Fentanyl is rarely mixed evenly into drugs - there may be no fentanyl in powder on one side of a baggie (or one part of a pressed pill) and a fatal amount on another side of the same baggie or pill. Because of this "chocolate chip cookie effect" it's best to test everything you plan to consume. If you can't test everything, testing the residue is the next best method.

all in method

Put **all the drug you plan to consume** into a glass. Crush pressed tablets into a powder first.



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residue method

Finely **chop or crush** the substance, then return it to a bag and shake it. Empty the bag out, putting the substance somewhere safe.



Add water & stir to dissolve

- 1 tsp for 10mg of meth & MDMA
- 2 tsp for 100mg everything else
- add enough water to dissolve the power of a pressed tablet



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Add water and shake

- 1 tsp - meth & MDMA
- 1/2 tsp - everything else



How much is 10mg of powder? About how much it would take to cover Lincoln's face on a penny.

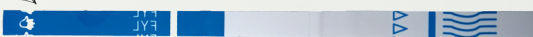


Test the liquid. Put the wavy side of the test strip in, not past the blue line. Allow the liquid to move into the test area (wait about 15 seconds).

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hold here



dip this end into liquid

dip below this line

Wait about 2 minutes. **ONE** red line is **positive** for fentanyl. **TWO** red lines is negative.

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Wait about 2 minutes. **ONE** red line is **positive** for fentanyl. **TWO** red lines is negative.

+ fentanyl



- no fentanyl



⚠️ proceed with caution

Caution!

Fentanyl test strips are not 100% accurate. They are one tool to help increase safety. No drug use is 100% safe. Follow safe use tips and proceed with caution.

PREVENT OVERDOSE

tips for safer use

THERE IS OVERDOSE RISK IN ANY TYPE OF DRUG USE. PRACTICE AS MUCH HARM REDUCTION AS POSSIBLE, CONSISTENTLY, TO STAY SAFER WHEN CHOOSING TO USE DRUGS.

test for fentanyl

THE DRUG SUPPLY HAS ALWAYS BEEN INCONSISTENT. FENTANYL MAKES IT EVEN MORE DANGEROUS. TESTING FOR FENTANYL GIVES YOU BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOU'LL CONSUME.

go slow and space out doses

OVERDOSES CAN HAPPEN QUICKLY, AND WITH FENTANYL IT ONLY TAKES A LITTLE. START SLOW, YOU CAN ALWAYS DO MORE, BUT YOU CAN'T DO LESS.

smoke or snort

INJECTING DRUGS CARRIES THE HIGHEST RISK OF OVERDOSE. REDUCE YOUR RISK BY CHOOSING TO SMOKE OR SNORT. YOU CAN STILL OVERDOSE, SO PRACTICE OTHER HARM REDUCTION METHODS ALSO.

use with others

TRY TO HAVE SOMEONE YOU TRUST AROUND WHEN USING TO WATCH OUT FOR OVERDOSE. IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE BY YOURSELF, CALL "NEVER USE ALONE" AT 1-800-484-3731. YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR YOUR FIRST NAME, LOCATION, AND THE NUMBER YOU ARE CALLING FROM. AN OPERATOR WILL STAY ON THE LINE WITH YOU WHILE YOU USE. IF YOU STOP RESPONDING AFTER USING, THE OPERATOR WILL NOTIFY EMERGENCY SERVICES OF AN "UNRESPONSIVE PERSON" AT YOUR LOCATION.

have naloxone and call 911

BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SIGNS OF OVERDOSE AND HOW TO USE NALOXONE. FENTANYL AND ITS ANALOGS ARE NOT "NALOXONE RESISTANT." THEY ARE OPIOIDS AND WILL RESPOND TO NALOXONE. A FENTANYL OVERDOSE MAY TAKE LONGER TO RESPOND TO NALOXONE, AND MAY NEED MORE DOSES TO REVERSE THE OVERDOSE. ALWAYS CALL 911 IN CASE OF OVERDOSE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NALOXONE. ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CARE MAY BE NEEDED VISIT NALOXONENOWSLO.ORG FOR FREE NALOXONE

