

FENTANYL – What you need to know



IT'S ADDICTIVE

Fentanyl can be highly addictive when used to “get high”



IT'S POISONOUS

Fentanyl is a very potent drug – up to **100 times more toxic than morphine** & **20-50 times more toxic than heroin**



IT'S DANGEROUS

Using fentanyl to “get high” is very dangerous. It only takes a tiny amount (the size of two grains of sand) to result in overdose & death



IT'S FAST-ACTING

Fentanyl effects occur very quickly after use, meaning intoxication & overdose can occur before a person is aware something is wrong



YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IT'S THERE

Fentanyl can be added to other drugs without the user's knowledge. There is no way for an average person to tell if fentanyl has been added to another drug – you can't see, taste or smell fentanyl

IF YOU DO USE



Don't use alone & take turns using – have a phone ready to call **911**, be prepared with naloxone



Start with a small amount - even a tiny amount of fentanyl can cause an overdose



Don't mix with other drugs (including alcohol) – doing so increases the chance of an overdose



Learn about naloxone:

- Streetconnections.ca > Overdose
- Towardtheheart.com/naloxone

SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE

- Severe sleepiness
- Slow heartbeat
- Trouble breathing
- Slow, shallow breathing or snoring
- Cold, clammy skin
- Trouble walking or talking

If these effects are present **CALL 911**

