Fentanyl Fact Sheet

• Fentanyl is an opioid **50 times more potent than heroin.**

• When illegally made, fentanyl comes in a **white/gray powder** that can be injected, smoked, or snorted.

• Fentanyl is found in **meth, cocaine, heroin, and other pills.**

• **When an overdose occurs with fentanyl, a higher amount of naloxone (Narcan) is needed to reverse the overdose.**
  - Fentanyl is **NOT** resistant to naloxone (Narcan).
  - You **CANNOT** overdose simply by touching fentanyl.
  - If the first dose of naloxone does not reverse the overdose symptoms in 2-3 minutes, give a second dose.

• **To reduce the risk of overdose:** use drugs slowly, use less, and space out doses. Use with someone else present and always have naloxone (Narcan) available.

• **Signs of an overdose include:** slow, shallow breathing, choking, limp body, pale/blue/cold skin, falling asleep or lack of consciousness, and very small pupils. **Call 911 if you think someone is overdosing**

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