What’s up with fentanyl?

**Strong**
Fentanyl is a very strong opioid, 50x stronger than heroin.

**Fast**
Overdose can happen in seconds or minutes.

**Higher Risk**
Most overdose deaths in WA State now involve fentanyl.

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**What does it look like?**
In WA State, most fentanyl has been in blue pills with a “M30” stamp. It’s sometimes in drugs that look like powder, or a rock like crack cocaine.

**Fentanyl could be in any drug you buy on the street or online.**
What fentanyl looks like will continue to change.

**What’s the risk?**
The amount and strength of fentanyl can vary a lot.

One pill might have a deadly amount.

Another pill might have very little, if any, fentanyl.

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**Naloxone works on fentanyl.**

**Meth does not protect from OD.**

**Carry naloxone.** Tell people you have it and how to use it.
Because fentanyl is so strong, it may take more than one dose to work. Keep extra kits around.

Using meth along with fentanyl actually increases the chance of overdose.
If you use both meth and fentanyl, use one at a time, and pace yourself slowly with small amounts.

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**Mythbusting Facts**

1. You can overdose on fentanyl however you use it: if you smoke, swallow, snort, or inject.
2. It’s safe to respond to a fentanyl overdose! You can’t overdose just by touching fentanyl or drugs that contain fentanyl.

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What can I do?

- Start with a **small amount** and **go slow**. Use one drug at a time.
- When you can, **use around other people**. Use one person a time. That way, if someone overdoses, one person can respond.
- If you do use alone, **let a friend know they should check on you**.

Try neverusealone.com or call (800) 484-3731. You provide some basic info, and they stay on the phone with you for a few minutes after you use. If you stop responding, they call 911.

- **Watch your tolerance**. If you take a break from using fentanyl or other opioids, use way less when you start again.

Signs of a fentanyl OD:

- Not breathing. Gurgling or heavy snoring.
- Won’t wake up.
- Blue or gray skin, lips or fingernails.
- Chest muscles may get stiff.

What to do in an OD:

- **Call 911 right away**. You don’t have to say there’s been an overdose, just that someone is not breathing.
- **Give a dose of naloxone**. You may need to give another dose every 2 minutes. Do rescue breathing until they start to breathe on their own.

*Learn more about fentanyl and find naloxone at:*
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