

Fentanyl AWARENESS

2023

of students surveyed on the 2023 Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey

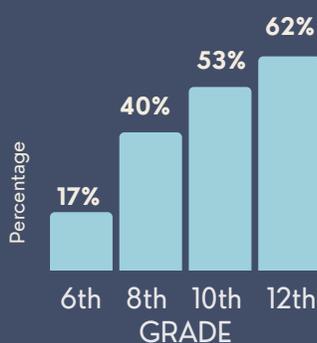
kctcddata.org

40%  39%

HAVE HEARD OF FENTANYL
AND KNOW WHAT IT IS

HAVE NOT HEARD
OF FENTANYL

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AWARENESS
increases as grade
level increases

92%

OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE
HEARD OF FENTANYL AND
KNOW WHAT IT IS

think accidental or intentional
use of fentanyl is

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**OVERDOSE DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEEDED 100,000
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2021**

64%

of overdose deaths involved synthetic
opioids, mainly illicitly manufactured fentanyl

-Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, July 2020-June 2021



WHAT IS FENTANYL?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is at least **50x** MORE POTENT THAN HEROIN

INTENTIONAL USE

- Fentanyl is prescribed by doctors for severe pain especially after surgery
- Some people use it to get high because of its potency
- Just a few grains of fentanyl can cause an overdose

UNINTENTIONAL USE

- Many people are exposed to fentanyl without knowing
- Illegal labs can make fentanyl very cheaply
- Drug dealers mix fentanyl with other drugs to boost their potency and make more money

Many fake pills are made to look like prescription opioids such as oxycodone (Oxycontin[®], Percocet[®]), hydrocodone (Vicodin[®]), and alprazolam (Xanax[®]); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall[®]).

For more information about fake pills, go to:
[DEA.gov/OnePill](https://www.dea.gov/OnePill)

6 OUT OF **10** FAKE
EVERY PILLS
WITH FENTANYL HAVE ENOUGH
TO BE DEADLY

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

Explain what fentanyl is and why it is so dangerous. Kids who have heard about fentanyl and know what it is understand the great risk of harm this deadly drug poses. Knowing that ANY drugs not prescribed to you by a doctor could be mixed with fentanyl might save your child's life.

[References
& Resources](#)



LEARN MORE

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

about fentanyl

WHAT IS FENTANYL?

- Fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain -- especially after surgery. It is called a synthetic (artificial) opioid.
- Fentanyl can be made by illegal drug makers and costs less than other drugs to make.
- Drug dealers mix fentanyl in with other drugs to make them more potent, but they don't regulate the amount.
- A few grains of fentanyl is enough to cause an overdose and death.

The small amount of fentanyl shown inside the circle is enough to cause an overdose.



REFERENCES & REOURCES



One Pill Can Kill

Drug Enforcement Agency

dea.gov/onepill



What is fentanyl?

National Institute on Drug Abuse

nida.nih.gov



What you need to know about fentanyl

Kern County Sheriff Prevention Unit

kernsheriff.org



Fentanyl and Opioid Overdose Toolkit

DCCCA - Includes information about Narcan nasal spray, a medication that can help someone who has overdosed on an opioid drug like fentanyl.

dcca.org