

Lower the Risk of Overdose with Fentanyl Test Strips

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful opioid that increases the risk of overdose.

- It is found in drugs, such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, ketamine, and counterfeit pills from nonmedical sources.
- It cannot be detected by sight, taste, smell, or touch.



What are Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS)?

FTS are small strips of paper that can tell if there is fentanyl in different kinds of drugs.

- It cannot tell how much, or how strong, the fentanyl is.
- Knowing if the drugs you plan to use have fentanyl in them can lower the risk of overdose.

How to Use Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS)

Choose

There are 3 ways to test drugs for fentanyl.

- Option 1: Dissolve all the drugs you plan to use in water.
 - This is the most accurate way to test since fentanyl may not be mixed evenly.
- Option 2: Finely crush your drugs on a clean surface.
 - Put the crushed drugs in a small, plastic bag. Then, shake the bag to mix.
 - Empty the bag and put the drugs to the side. A small amount of drug residue should be left in the bag for testing.
- Option 3: Put 10 mg of your drugs (enough to cover Abraham Lincoln's hair on a penny) in a clean, dry container.



Add Water and Mix

- Add water to the drugs and mix them up.
 - For meth, MDMA, and ecstasy, use 1 teaspoon of water for every 10 mg of crystal or powder you are testing.
 - For all other drugs, use a half teaspoon water.



Use the Test Strip

- Place the strip with the wavy side in the water for 15 seconds.
- Take the strip out of the water and place it on a flat surface for 2 minutes.



Read the Results

- Remember, no test is 100% accurate.
- It may still contain fentanyl or similar synthetic opioid.



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