



Fentanyl Facts for Young Adults

One Pill Can End It All

What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid, similar to morphine, but 50 to 100 times more potent.

It is used to treat pain in its prescription form, but is also made illegally and distributed as a street drug. Fake fentanyl is sold as a powder or made into pills that look like real prescription pills like Xanax®, Percocet®, or Oxycontin®.

How fentanyl affects the body: It creates feelings of euphoria and can lead to slowed breathing and heart rate, unconsciousness, coma, and death.

This amount is deadly.



Why is fentanyl a problem in Arizona?

Fake fentanyl is being made to look like prescription pills or mixed with other street drugs.

The high potency of fentanyl greatly increases the risk of overdose.

1,163

The amount of 18- to 24-year olds who died of an opioid overdose from 2017 to 2021 in Arizona.

What Can You Do?

Do not buy pills or drugs from someone who offers them to you, even if you think you know what type of drug it is. It may be laced with counterfeit fentanyl.

Treatment Works and There is Hope

If you're concerned about someone's opioid or fentanyl use, call the **Arizona Opioid Assistance Referral line** at **1-888-688-4222** for information about treatment and counseling options.



Counterfeit Oxycodone
laced with fentanyl

How to #SaveALife

Naloxone is a medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. It is sold at pharmacies without a prescription or available for free at community distribution sites across Arizona. Naloxone is easy to administer and can be lifesaving.

To find naloxone near you visit

NaloxoneAZ.com

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Call 911 & Save Someone

If you see someone who is beginning to overdose on drugs and/or alcohol, immediately call 911!

These are signs of an overdose:



slow heart rate
and/or breathing



clammy or
grey skin
blue lips

Don't be afraid to call 911 if you are someplace where drugs and alcohol are present. You are protected!

The Arizona Good Samaritan protects you so that neither you, nor the overdose victim, will be charged for possession of substances if you call 911 in the case of overdose.



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