

# Fentanyl Facts

## Dreams Killed with a Single Pill

### 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.

# 1,163

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

Find naloxone near you!  
[NaloxoneAZ.com](http://NaloxoneAZ.com)

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.

Treatment Works & 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.



Fake Oxycodone laced with fentanyl



Fake Xanax laced with fentanyl

## SAVE YOURSELF & SAVE A FRIEND

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

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

These are signs of an overdose:



unresponsive



slow heart rate and/or breathing



blue lips



clammy or grey skin

### Don't be afraid to call 911!

If you are someplace where drugs are present, you are protected. The AZ Good Samaritan law 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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