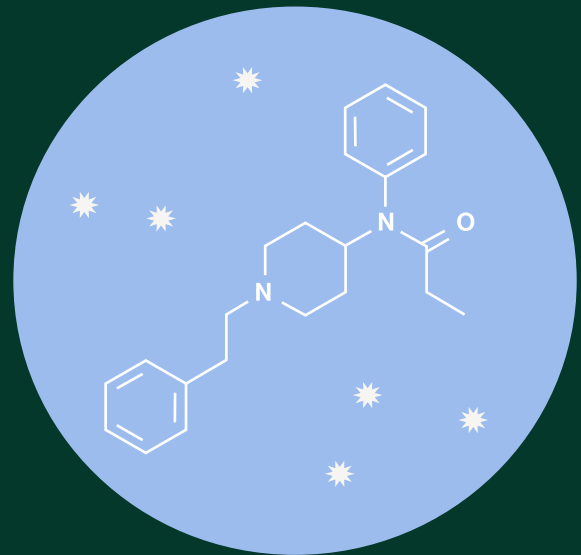




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# **FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL**



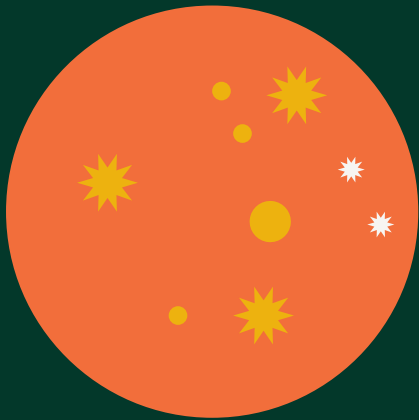
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**Most overdose deaths in  
Washington involve fentanyl.**

**Knowing the facts can help  
us keep one another safe.**

## WHAT TO KNOW

- Fentanyl is a powerful, fast-acting opioid used to manage pain.
- Regulated (legal) fentanyl is used in medical settings.
- Unregulated (illicit) fentanyl is a street drug, often sold as fake prescription pills or a powder. It is also sometimes mixed into drugs like cocaine or MDMA.
- Fentanyl is about 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.



## STREET NAMES FOR FENTANYL

**blues**

**30s or M-30s**

**fenny or fatty**

**percs**

**mexis**

**skittles**

## COMMON RISK FACTORS

Some teens take fentanyl knowingly. Many more take it accidentally — mistaking fake pills laced with fentanyl for real prescription Adderall, Xanax, or Percocet.

### Mental health

- Teens experiencing stress, anxiety, or depression may seek out pills to self-medicate and are likely to use alone.

### Pain

- Teens who have been injured or are experiencing physical pain may seek out pills to self-medicate.

### Social pressure

- Teens may experiment in social settings with peers who are drinking, taking pills, or using other drugs.

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## FENTANYL AND THE OVERDOSE CRISIS

In Washington state and across the U.S., illicit fentanyl and other powerful additives are making street drugs more unpredictable and harmful.

The rate of youth overdose has increased in recent years. Yet, the overall number of Washington minors who have died from a fentanyl overdose remains relatively low. The truth is most teens don't knowingly experiment with opioids, including fentanyl.

Still, one life lost is one too many. Fentanyl is hurting the people we care about most. It's up to us to help keep one another safe.

