

# What You Need to Know about Fentanyl

Illegally made fentanyl can be as small as a grain of salt but is 100 times more potent than morphine.

- Can be present in many forms like powder, tablets, capsules, liquids or in needles or rocks
- Can be easily washed off skin with soap and water
- Should NOT be removed from skin with alcohol-based hand sanitizers or wipes
- Use gloves, masks and other personal protective equipment when available

## Signs and symptoms of fentanyl overdose:

- Slow breathing or no breathing
- Gurgling or choking noises
- Drowsiness or not being able to wake up
- Blue lips or fingers
- Constricted or pinpoint pupils

Administer naloxone if someone is showing signs of an overdose. It is a safe and effective medication that rapidly reverses the effects of opioids.

**Do** call 911 immediately, **if you suspect an opioid overdose.**

**Don't** wait to call emergency responders.

**Do** a quick scan to make sure the environment is safe.

**Don't** touch or handle substances, needles or other harmful items.

**Do** recognize the signs of a potential overdose.

**Don't** touch the person without assessing the scene.

**Do** administer naloxone as soon as possible.

**Don't** try to revive the person with coffee or other drugs.

**Do** place the person on their side, stay with them and keep them awake.

**Don't** lay the unresponsive person flat on their back or leave them alone.

**Do** administer additional doses of naloxone every 2 to 3 minutes as needed.

Everyone is a first responder!

