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# 1. FENTANYL = LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH 18-45

- Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 18 and 45. Nothing else comes close. Not car accidents, not COVID, not heart disease; nothing. In San Diego, overdose deaths from fentanyl start at around age 14.
- Children much younger than 14 are routinely coming in contact with fentanyl in the home and overdosing. Immediate medical attention has saved their lives ... so far.





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## 2. FENTANYL COMES IN A PILL OR POWDER

- Illicit fentanyl in San Diego is usually seen in either a pill or in powder. The pills are made to look like legitimate medication such as oxycodone or Percocet (a combination of oxycodone and acetaminophen). They are often stamped with the letter “M” on one side and the number “30” on the other and are commonly referred to as “M30s” or “Mexican Blues.” The pills are most often blue in color but have been found in a variety of colors.
  - A recent DEA lab study found that of the counterfeit pills that contain fentanyl, 4 out of 10 contained a potentially fatal dose of fentanyl.
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## 3. YOU CAN'T SEE IT, SMELL IT, OR TASTE IT

- You cannot look at a powder or a pill and see that it contains fentanyl. Fentanyl is odorless and tasteless. Testing strips are available to check for the presence of fentanyl, however, the strips cannot tell you how much fentanyl is present.
  - Fentanyl testing strips can legally be obtained through authorized syringe services programs such as those run by Family Health Centers of San Diego – Call or text (619) 380-0678 for locations and hours.
  - Even if one portion of a pill or powder tests negative for the presence of fentanyl, it may be present in the remaining portion of the pill or powder.
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## 4. AS LITTLE AS 2MG OF FENTANYL CAN KILL YOU

- It takes as little as 2mg of fentanyl to cause an overdose and death in most people. It may take more than 2mg for people who have developed a tolerance to opioids.
- The most commonly used opioids are OxyContin, Vicodin, fentanyl and heroin. Other less commonly used opioids include codeine, morphine, and methadone.



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## 5. IT'S BEING SOLD ON SOCIAL MEDIA



- Counterfeit pills made to look exactly like legitimate OxyContin, Percocet, Xanax, and Adderall, but containing fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other harmful drugs, are being marketed and sold on social media apps like SnapChat, Instagram and Facebook.
  - Teens commonly have more than one account on any given social media platform: one that is “parent-friendly” and one that is hidden and private.
  - If it wasn't prescribed for you by your doctor and come from a legitimate pharmacy, chances are incredibly high that it's counterfeit and contains a potentially deadly amount of fentanyl, methamphetamine, or some other dangerous drug.
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