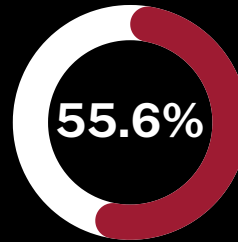


# FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL

Knowledge and Tools to Save Lives

Fentanyl is a man-made opioid that's many times stronger than morphine or heroin. Because it is so strong and so addictive, it's being added to heroin, fake prescription pills, even stimulants like cocaine and methamphetamine. The result is huge increases in overdoses. These deaths are preventable with knowledge and tools.



Overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids (primarily illicitly manufactured fentanyl) rose **55.6 percent** and appear to be the primary driver of the increase in total drug overdose deaths.

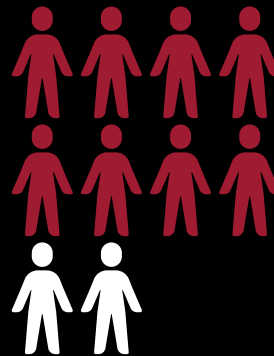
Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths. Even in small doses, it can be deadly. **More than 150 people die every day from overdoses** related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Fentanyl is **50 times** stronger than heroin and **100 times** stronger than morphine.

Drugs may contain deadly levels of fentanyl, and you are not able to see it, taste it, or smell it. It is nearly impossible to tell if a drug has been laced with fentanyl unless you test drugs with **fentanyl test strips**.



Fentanyl deaths in Alabama skyrocketed by 136% between 2020 and 2021



Eight out of ten opioid overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl

## NALOXONE CAN SAVE LIVES!

Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. It is easily delivered by anyone through a nasal spray (Narcan). Naloxone can restore normal breathing within 2-3 minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, as a result of opioid overdose.

**Free Naloxone (Narcan) nasal spray is available for individuals & first responders**  
To receive a free Narcan kit, complete an online training at <https://vitalalabama.com/free-naloxone/>