

What Every Parent and Caregiver Needs to Know About **FAKE PILLS**

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What is fentanyl?

- It is a deadly synthetic opioid that is being pressed into fake pills or cut into heroin, cocaine, and other street drugs to drive addiction.

FENTANYL IS
50x
MORE POTENT
THAN HEROIN

What are fake pills?

- The Sinaloa Cartel and Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion are making fentanyl and pressing it into fake pills. Fake pills are made to look like OxyContin®, Xanax®, Adderall®, and other pharmaceuticals. These fake pills contain no legitimate medicine.
- Fentanyl is also made in a rainbow of colors so it looks like candy.



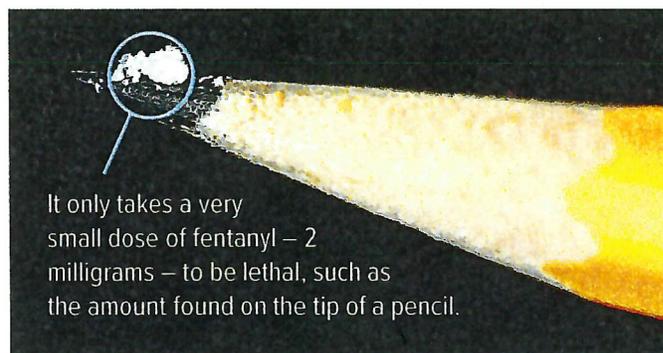
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rainbow oxycodone M30 tablets containing fentanyl

Why is fentanyl so dangerous?

- DEA lab testing reveals that four out of every ten fake pills with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.

What are the physical and mental effects of fentanyl?

- Fentanyl use can cause confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, changes in pupil size, cold and clammy skin, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death.



Visit www.dea.gov/onepill for more information and resources for parents and caregivers

*Photos of fake pills do not represent all available fake pills.

**ONE
PILL CAN
KILL**

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