

# You Think You Know



## You Never Know What You're Truly Getting in ANY Drug!

Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl (IMF) is a synthetic opioid 50-100 times stronger than morphine and is the leading cause of fatal overdoses in Connecticut.

Laboratory testing of drugs seized by law enforcement shows that IMF can be mixed into any substance. Since you can't see, taste, or smell IMF there is no way to know if it is present in the substance you are using. It is important to understand the dangers of fentanyl and be prepared whenever you are using a substance by knowing how to use Fentanyl Test Strips, understanding the signs of an overdose, never using alone, and always having naloxone on hand.

### Fentanyl Test Strips

How they work:

1. Dissolve a small amount of substance in water.
2. Dip the test strip into the liquid for 15 seconds.

Although the tests are highly sensitive, it is possible that fentanyl is present in another part of the substance that wasn't tested.

### Signs of Overdose

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- Falling asleep/loss of consciousness/limp body
- Shallow or slow breathing
- Pale, blue, or ashen-colored skin
- Choking or gurgling sounds



### How to Respond to an Overdose

- 1 Call 911 Immediately!
- 2 Administer naloxone (Narcan).
- 3 Support the person's breathing.
- 4 Stay with the person until the ambulance arrives.

For additional resources, visit [YouThinkYouKnowCT.org](http://YouThinkYouKnowCT.org)

