

# Fentanyl

What everyone needs to know



**Fentanyl is here in Hays County.**

We can't ignore it. We can't stop it. But we can work together as a community to reduce its impact. Because one pill can kill.

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"No matter what it's called, Fentanyl is killing our kids."  
- Hays County Sheriff Gary Cutler

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## What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.



Many teens and young adults experiment with drugs but aren't necessarily addicted. But just one pill or some powder laced with Fentanyl can lead to dire consequences. Too often, they don't know the pill or powder contains Fentanyl.

*More than 150 people die each day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like Fentanyl*

**4 OUT OF EVERY 10 PILLS**  
WITH FENTANYL CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY  
**LETHAL DOSE**

## Drug dealers are targeting children



Opioids are a major problem in our country and right here in Hays County. As if that wasn't difficult enough, drug dealers are now peddling colorful pills laced with Fentanyl and targeting younger children. Because of those bright colors, many children may not realize they are taking dangerous, even lethal, drugs.

Some call these "rainbow candy" and innocent children are in danger.

What can we do as a community?

- Offer drug addiction resources
- Discuss the dangers of drugs with children and young adults
- Provide resources for law enforcement
- Make Narcan available through EMS, law enforcement, schools and public buildings
- Keep the lines of communication open





A lethal dose of fentanyl!

JUST THIS AMOUNT OF FENTANYL CAN BE FATAL.

## Signs of an overdose

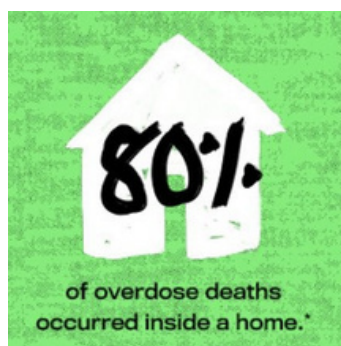
Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose can save a life.

Some things to look for:

- Small, constricted pupils
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold, clammy and/or discolored skin

## Narcan (Naloxone)

If administered in time, Naloxone may help save a life from an opioid overdose.



"My son would never..."

"I have a good kid..."

"Not my daughter..."

We as parents and members of families and friend networks need to stop thinking those we love would never try drugs. It is very likely they will experiment at some point in their lives. It might be to "relax" or have fun. It might be because they want to see what all the fuss is about. Or they they may think it's the only way to fit in, be popular or be accepted.

Our advice? Have honest conversations with your loved ones at a young age. Monitor their social media and electronic device usage.



## NEED HELP?

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - [www.cdc.gov/opioids/addiction-medicine/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/opioids/addiction-medicine/index.html)

Visit the Hays County Fentanyl Resource Page for more information, resources and facts.



Have information about those selling Fentanyl or other drugs? Use the Hays County Crime Stoppers P3 App to provide tips 100% anonymously. Cash awards can be up to \$1,000 for credible info.



Download free mobile app @ P3tips.com

Visit these websites for more resources:

Drug Enforcement Administration - [www.dea.gov/](http://www.dea.gov/)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - [www.cdc.gov/opioids/basics/fentanyl.html](http://www.cdc.gov/opioids/basics/fentanyl.html)