

HEALTH ALERT: FENTANYL is killing Stanislaus County residents

The FACTS about street **FENTANYL**

There is no such thing as a safe street drug. Know the risks.

Fentanyl is often added to counterfeit pills and other drugs without people knowing.

Fentanyl has been found in:

- Heroin
- Meth
- Fake pills (Oxycodone, Norco, Xanax)
- Cocaine



50-150 times

more potent than
Heroin•Oxycodone•Morphine

Fen•ta•nyl
[fen-tuh-nil]

An opioid narcotic, a prescription drug used for cancer patients in severe pain.

It can be absorbed through the skin. You can't **see** it, **smell** it, or **taste** it.

Pills not obtained with a prescription or from a pharmacy can kill.

WARNING SIGNS OF A FENTANYL OVERDOSE AND POISONING:



- Discolored skin: bluish- purple for light-skinned people, or greyish for darker-skinned people
- Snoring, gasping, or gurgling sounds– also known as the “death rattle”
- Extreme muscle rigidity, to the point of seizures
- Foaming at the mouth
- Blood from nose and mouth
- Weak, barely-detectable pulse



If You Use Substances



Have Naloxone

Overdose and poisoning happens fast. Make sure you and your friends carry Naloxone/Narcan.



Don't use alone

Make sure someone is around. They can give Naloxone/Narcan if an overdose or poisoning occurs.



Call 911

If you think it is an overdose or poisoning, **call 911**. Be anonymous or stay and offer support.

For local help, resources, and information:

www.StanRx.net or call (209) 525-5316

One Pill Can Kill

Can you tell the difference?



Authentic oxycodone M30 tablets



*Counterfeit oxycodone M30 tablets containing fentanyl

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, more than 100,000 people died of drug overdoses in the 12 months ending in April 2021 — the latest figures available. That is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a year since the opioid epidemic began.

Counterfeit pills that contain fentanyl, including counterfeit oxycodone pills, remain a statewide problem and affect Stanislaus County as well. Fentanyl is a highly potent painkiller, 100 times stronger than morphine and 150 times stronger than oxycodone.

Stanislaus County preliminary 2021 data of deaths by overdose and poisoning has exceeded record 2020 deaths.

What every resident can do to save lives:

Education

With so many lives having been lost this past year, please take the time to learn about opioid addiction, overdose, and the steps you can take to save a life.

Drug addiction is a disease, not a moral failure. Stigma exists around drug addiction, yet anyone can find themselves dependent on pills. Let's offer support and treatment options, not shame or blame. Call the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Access Line at 1-888-376-6246.



Drug Disposal

Safe and secure drug disposal starts with cleaning out your medicine cabinet. Proper disposal of unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications prevents drug abuse, accidental overdose and poisoning, and environmental impacts.

Naloxone

Unfortunately, a drug overdose and poisoning is no longer a rare occurrence. It has become increasingly important that citizens who may witness an opioid overdose and poisoning – by friend, family, or stranger – be familiar with naloxone. Naloxone (brand name Narcan) is a non-addictive, life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and poisoning when administered in time. Ask your pharmacist how you may obtain Naloxone, even without a prescription. The Stanislaus County Opioid Safety Coalition also has Naloxone available for Stanislaus County residents.



For more information on prevention, and recovery resources in Stanislaus County, the Drop the Drugs event & drug disposal, Naloxone, and how to get involved, please visit the Stanislaus County Opioid Safety Coalition website at www.StanRx.net or call (209) 525-5316. For information on treatment services in Stanislaus County, please call the Access Line at 1-888-376-6246.