

Understanding Fentanyl: Synthetic Opioids and Oregon's Good Samaritan Law

(as required by Senate Bill 238)

8th Grade

Know - Wonder - Learn

What do I Know?

- Take 2-3 minutes and write down what you know or have heard about opioids or fentanyl.
- Discuss what you know with your small group and add to your list.

- What are some questions you have about opioids and/or fentanyl?
- Make a list of your questions.
- Add questions as they come up during our discussion.

- Leave this blank.
- As we discuss more of this topic, add information you learn along the way.

Learning Targets



I can:

- Define fentanyl, fake pills, and the Good Samaritan Law.
- List 2 reasons why fentanyl and fake pills are dangerous.
- Identify current substance use related mortality trends.
- Identify signs and symptoms of an overdose and be able to call 911.

Why are we talking about opioids and fentanyl?

Epidemic - a widespread occurrence of a disease or a rapid development, spread, or growth of something, especially something harmful



What are prescription opioids?

 Prescription opioids are used mostly to treat moderate to severe pain.

Can be dangerous because they are extremely powerful and highly

addictive.

- Common prescription opioids include:
 - Hydrocodone (Vicodin)
 - Oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet)
 - Codeine
 - Fentanyl

What is opioid misuse?



Opioid misuse is:

the use of an opioid for a purpose not consistent with legal or medical guidelines

Synthetic Opioids and Fentanyl

How it's made:

Pharmaceutical:

Prescribed and obtained from a licensed physician or pharmacy; created in a quality controlled facility.

Illicitly Manufactured:

Made and distributed through illegal drug markets with no quality control or safety measures.

What is fentanyl?

A powerful synthetic opioid that is highly addictive and can cause overdose or death

Used in fake/counterfeit pills

Among teens, **overdose deaths** related to synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, have dramatically increased.

Impacts:

Overdoses and Deaths

People making and selling illegal substances make more money and create more product by adding fentanyl.

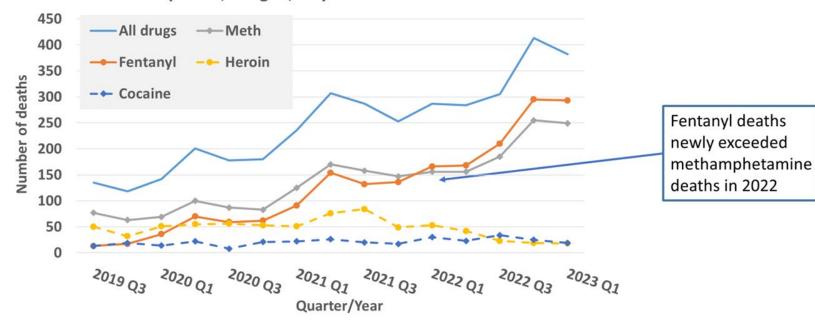
Vast majority of pills seized by law enforcement are fake, and contain a lethal amount of fentanyl.

How do you think our community has been impacted by the opioid/fentanyl epidemic?



Oregon Overdose Deaths, July 2019 – March 2023

Unintentional/undetermined drug overdose deaths by drug and quarter, Oregon, July 2019 - March 2023*



Source: Oregon State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS), 2023



Discussion Questions

- How effective is using fentanyl test strips?
- What is "inconsistent dosing"?
- Why can't you trust any pill or substance not prescribed to you?
- What is the Good Samaritan Law?
- Scenario: You and your friends are at the park. You see someone who looks like they are experiencing a possible overdose. What are the top three steps you would take?

Resources

- Health teacher or other teachers
- School counselor or school nurse
- Public Health Departments
- Other trusted adults
- Are there other resources that you know of?
 - SAMHSA Hotline
 - Lines for Life
 - Fentanyl Toolkit for Schools

Summary

• The opioid epidemic is happening here in Oregon.

• Fentanyl is causing a high number of overdoses and death.

• Everyone in the community has a responsibility to do their part in preventing and treating the epidemic.

 Being educated about opioids and overdose reversal medications like naloxone is something that we can do to help us and our friends make good decisions that can keep us safe.

Exit Slip - What I Learned

Turn in Know/Wonder/Learn handout and make sure the following questions are answered:

- What makes fentanyl so dangerous?
- What is Oregon's Good Samaritan Law?
- What are the steps to take if you think someone is experiencing an overdose?