

Illicit Fentanyl Pills Circulating in Arizona



Illicit fentanyl that mimics common medications like aspirin and Xanax are in our communities!

Fentanyl is Dangerous & Deadly | Illicit fentanyl is dangerous and 100+ times more powerful than morphine. The pills being found in the community have no visible indication as to their contents. It is important to remember that even a small dose of fentanyl can cause the user to overdose or die and such incidents have increased in Arizona in recent months.

As a community we can help stop this drug epidemic from claiming the lives of those we love by talking about the dangers of drug use.

This is Not Prescription Fentanyl | Illicitly-produced fentanyl has been found added to heroin, meth, and cocaine to increase their potency. Some people believe they are purchasing another drug, like Xanax, and don't know that it's fentanyl – which often results in overdose deaths.

You Can Help | Naloxone (brand name, Narcan®) is an opioid antagonist that can reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone is available without a prescription at local pharmacies or free through local health departments and prevention coalitions. We encourage community members to obtain naloxone, particularly if a family member is using opioid drugs whether through a legal prescription or due to a use disorder.

In cases of a drug overdose, immediately call 9-1-1. A Good Samaritan law was passed in Arizona, when you call to report a drug overdose, you have legal protections.

**Talk Early.
Talk Often.**

Prevention coalitions urge families to talk now, and often, about the dangers of any drug use.

With illicit fentanyl pills available in our community, it is very important to remember that ANY pill, if not obtained personally and in its original packaging, MAY be counterfeit and contain fentanyl.

For more information visit OpioidOD.com

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