



Fentanyl is a powerful prescription painkiller about **100 X** more toxic than morphine. It is now being imported and sold illegally with tragic consequences.

Facts

- Fentanyl has been mixed with other drugs such as heroin and cocaine.
- It has been used in tablets made to look like prescription drugs. Example **Percocet 5**
- Overdoses have occurred where individuals were not aware they were consuming fentanyl.
- It is odourless and tasteless, and therefore hard to detect.
- It is often found in powder, pill, liquid and blotter form.
- 2 milligrams of pure fentanyl (the size of about 4 grains of salt) is enough to kill the average adult.
- Unintentional exposure to pure fentanyl – touching or inhaling – can cause serious harm including death.
- Fentanyl-related deaths have been increasing in Canada.

Fentanyl nicknames include

Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Green beans, Jackpot, Murder 8, Shady 80s, TNT, and Tango and Cash

Overdose signs and symptoms

- Severe sleepiness
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Lips and nails turn blue
- Person is unresponsive
- Gurgling sounds or snoring
- Cold and clammy skin
- Tiny pupils

Naloxone ; Naloxone is a drug that can **temporarily** reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Naloxone wears off within 30 to 90 minutes, so it is important to **seek further medical attention**.

NALOXONE KITS AND TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ST MARY'S GUARDIAN DRUG STORE. PLEASE CONTACT THE PHARMACIST TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE NALOXONE TRAINING. Telephone number- 206-7700

If you suspect an overdose: Call 911 immediately