# Fentanyl – What you need to know

## It’s Addictive
Fentanyl can be highly addictive when used to “get high”

## It’s Strong
Fentanyl is a very potent drug – up to 100 times stronger than morphine & 20-50 times stronger than heroin

## It’s Dangerous
Using fentanyl to “get high” is very dangerous. It only takes a tiny amount (the size of two grains of sand) to result in overdose & death

## It’s Fast-Acting
Fentanyl effects occur very quickly after use, meaning intoxication & overdose can occur before a person is aware something is wrong

## You Might Not Know It’s There
Fentanyl can be added to other drugs without the user’s knowledge. There is no way for an average person to tell if fentanyl has been added to another drug – you can’t see, taste or smell fentanyl

## If You Do Use
- Don’t use alone & take turns using – have a phone ready to call 911, be prepared with naloxone
- Start with a small amount - even a tiny amount of fentanyl can cause an overdose
- Don’t mix with other drugs (including alcohol) – doing so increases the chance of an overdose
- Learn about naloxone: Streetconnections.ca > Overdose Towardtheheart.com/naloxone

## Signs of an Overdose
- Severe sleepiness
- Slow heartbeat
- Trouble breathing
- Slow, shallow breathing or snoring
- Cold, clammy skin
- Trouble walking or talking

If these effects are present CALL 911

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