

What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a prescription drug that is also made and used illegally. Like morphine, it is a medicine that is typically used to treat patients with severe pain, especially after surgery. It is also sometimes used to treat patients with chronic pain who are physically tolerant to other opioids. Tolerance occurs when you need a higher and/or more frequent amount of a drug to get the desired effects.

Testing responsibility

A wide variety of street drugs can be laced with fentanyl. While it is advisable to test street drugs for fentanyl, there are no well-researched, established recommendations on how to test drugs with the test strips we provide.

People who use fentanyl test strips provided by SHRC accept all responsibility for any injury, or death that could occur after taking drugs, whether they have been tested, or not tested, for fentanyl.

**Save a life! – Carry
Naloxone / Narcan**

These materials have been developed in collaboration with the Harm Reduction Coalition



Our Mission

We at the Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition (or SHRC) is providing an ever increasing suite of community based Harm Reduction services aimed to improve the quality of life in our county through helping our drug using community by reducing the consequences of drug use (HIV, HEP B/C, sexual disease, youth use and abuse, litter, etc.). We highly believe in the safety of our community. We greatly believe and respect the rights and feelings of our family who use drugs. To do this we provide free of charge mobile “where they’re at” drug and disease minimization services.

We believe that no one, despite their circumstances, should not be stigmatized. We are building a highly networked collaboration of service providers, such as treatment, mental health providers and other local community providers. Kit distribution, needle exchange, disease testing, disposal containers, naloxone training and referring to essential services are in our near future. Ultimately, our mission is to help our family who use drugs grow into essential members of our community.

We help each other help each other.

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Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition

Harm Reduction Services for
El Dorado County



Get fentanyl test strips

Test strips are available to you at no charge from the Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition. Just call (530) 212-0279

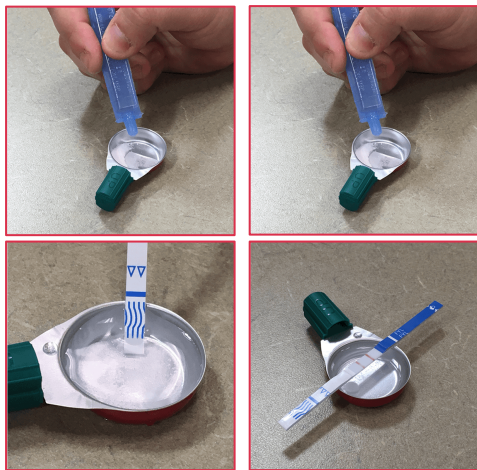
Do your test

If you are injecting, first prepare your shot but do not shoot up yet. Next, add ten drops of water to your cooker and stir well.

If you are snorting your drugs, add ten drops of water into the empty baggie that your drugs came in and mix well.

If you are using pills, you can crush one in an empty baggie and then dump out the powder. Then add ten drops of water into the baggie and mix well.

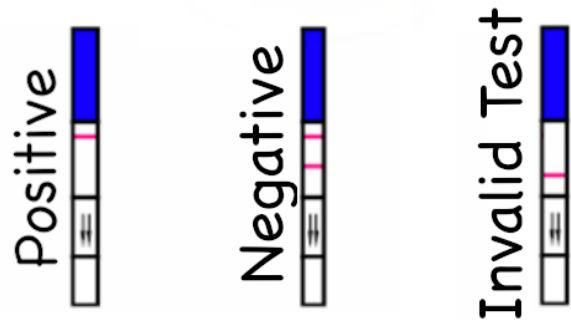
If you are using Meth, add one cup of water into the baggie or container and mix well. You must dilute well to ensure a valid test.



Testing your drugs

Read the results

If you see only one red line in the middle of the test, it means that your drugs have fentanyl in them



If you see two lines in the middle of the test, it means that the test strip is negative. **The second line could be very faint, but that still means it is negative.**

After the test

Throw the cooker, and any remaining liquid away. Any remaining solution is now **toxic.**

Strategies & Tips

Positive Test

Have naloxone with you and to use with someone who isn't using at the same time as you. If you overdose, they can call 911 and give you naloxone. Learn how you can be safer when you use drugs.

Negative Test

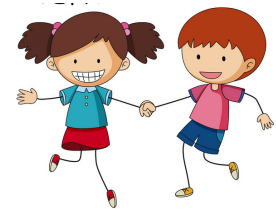
You still need to be careful. Your drugs may still be mixed with fentanyl or mixed with something else that the strips cannot find. Learn about safer drug use.

Always

Go Slow! Start by using a little bit and wait for 20 seconds to see how strong it is. If it feels off, be careful — consider not using it or taking less. Be sure someone with you has naloxone.

Never use alone!

Be there for your friends, and they will be there for you!



Save a life! – Naloxone & Narcan is free from SHRC