



Fentanyl Test Strip Fact Sheet

What are fentanyl Test Strips?

Fentanyl test strips are a harm reduction tool that can tell you if there is fentanyl in your drugs, but not how much or how strong it is. They may not detect all fentanyl analogs, so remember, a negative result does not guarantee fentanyl is not present!

What if there is fentanyl in my Drugs?

Finding out there is fentanyl in your drug supply helps you make decisions to keep yourself safer! Fentanyl is a lot stronger than heroin and other opioids, so proceed with caution. If you do not use opioids regularly, or at all, and find fentanyl in your drugs, we emphasize this caution. If you do not have any opioid tolerance, you will be especially at risk of fentanyl poisoning or death.

To Reduce This Risk, You May Choose to:

1. Not use this batch of drugs.
2. Use less. You can start with a smaller amount. Wait it out and if it doesn't do the trick, you can always take more!
3. Don't use alone! If you must, you can always call the Never Use Alone Hotline at 1-800-484-3731
4. Make sure you and others around have Narcan and know how to use it.

How to Read a Test Strip

One line is Positive, meaning there is fentanyl detected in the sample. The darkness of the line does not mean anything. The strip does not measure fentanyl potency. Tests lines will be red.

Two lines is Negative, there wasn't any fentanyl detected but false negatives are possible due to the variety of analogs. Still proceed with caution.

If there aren't any lines, or only a test line and no control line, the test is Invalid, and you should perform a new test.

Tips to Getting a Good Sample

Think of a pill (or crystal, or bag of powder) like a chocolate chip cookie. If I took a sample from just one edge and checked for chocolate chips the chips may not be mixed into the dough evenly and my sample may not have any chips. This doesn't mean there are no chips in the cookie! The same goes for testing a drug sample. Make sure you crush the entire sample and shake well so the small sample you use is a good representation of the whole batch.

You can get Fentanyl Test Kits at NorthPoint Harm Reduction & Testing Services located at:

710 W Broadway Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Our hours are:

Tuesday and Wednesday 2-5pm
Thursday and Friday 11am-5pm

You can call or text us at:

612-267-0305 or 612-223-3682