



DANCESAFE®

HOW TO TEST YOUR DRUGS FOR FENTANYL

- 1** Dilute your drugs in water.
- 2** Dip the strip into the liquid.
- 3** Look for one or two red lines.



DILUTE CORRECTLY. READ AND FOLLOW THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE.

WHAT IS FENTANYL?

Fentanyl and its analogs are highly potent synthetic opioids that are many times stronger than heroin.

In North America alone, hundreds of thousands of people have died from unknowingly ingesting fentanyl-contaminated drugs.

TEST BEFORE YOU INGEST™

ABOUT OUR FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

DanceSafe's new fentanyl test strips can detect fentanyl and most of its known analogs in any drug sample. Unlike other strips on the market, they do not produce false positives with meth, MDMA, or cocaine. This is because they utilize a superior antibody with greater specificity to fentanyl. As a result, DanceSafe fentanyl test strips are the most reliable strips on the market for drug checking and harm reduction purposes.

WARNING: Fentanyl test strips from other sources don't work the same as ours. We conducted a study with the University of California assessing five brands of strips: Most could not detect common fentanyl analogs, many gave false positives with commonly used drugs, and one did not work at all. Before you test, make sure you have a yellow strip and look for the DanceSafe logo on the packaging.

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BEFORE USING THE STRIPS, READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS TWICE.

IMPORTANT

When fentanyl is mixed with other drugs, it is never mixed evenly. Powder from one side of a baggie may contain no fentanyl at all, yet powder from the other side could contain a fatal dose. This is called the “chocolate chip cookie effect” and it’s why it is best to test everything you intend to consume.



BEST METHOD

TESTING EVERYTHING YOU INTEND TO CONSUME

This requires dissolving your entire dose in water. For drugs consumed orally, you can simply drink the water after testing. The strips do not contaminate the water. For drugs like cocaine or meth that people like to insufflate (snort), you can get the powder back by evaporating the water.

BACKUP METHOD

TESTING ONLY A PORTION OF YOUR DRUGS

If you choose this method, first crush any crystals, shards, or rocks into a fine powder and mix it up as thoroughly as possible by stirring or shaking the baggie. This will help distribute any fentanyl that might be clumped up inside due to the chocolate chip cookie effect. There’s no guarantee, but this increases the likelihood that if fentanyl is inside the baggie, some will be present in your smaller sample. Always have Narcan on hand and never use alone.

STEP 1

PREPARING AND DILUTING YOUR DRUGS

Whether you are testing everything you intend to consume or a smaller portion of your drugs, you need to dilute the powder in the correct amount of water. Follow the instructions below for each form of drug **carefully**.

FOR CRYSTALS OR POWDERED DRUGS

- 1 Weigh your drugs.** Use a milligram scale to get the weight of the crystals or powder you are going to test. Write it down so you don’t forget. If you don’t have a milligram scale, you can use one of our 10 mg micro scoops.



A level scoop of finely crushed powder (not rounded) is approximately ten milligrams (available at dancesafe.org/product/micro-scoop).

- 2 Place your drugs into a small container.** If you are testing 50 mg or less, a standard bottle cap from any 20 oz soda bottle works great. If you are testing more than 50 mg, use a small glass or ceramic cup.

- 3 Add one teaspoon of water (5 ml) for every 50 mg of powder.**



1 tsp

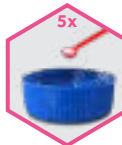
Water



50 mg

Powder

This equals five level micro scoops (50 mg total) into a standard bottle cap of water (one teaspoon or 5 ml).



Five level micro scoops into a plastic bottle cap works great.



You can also use a 5 ml pipette to measure the water (available at dancesafe.org/product/pipette). Whatever you use to measure, make sure the ratio of powder to water is 10 mg / ml.

20 mg into 2 ml
50 mg into 5 ml

100 mg into 10 ml
1 gram into 100 ml

- 4 Stir the mixture until completely dissolved. Proceed to STEP 2.**

WARNING: If you have the blue strips they can give false positives with meth and MDMA, as well as cocaine that contains levamisole. Instructions and info: dancesafe.org/older-fentanyl-strips

FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PILLS

Counterfeit pharmaceutical tablets that contain fentanyl kill thousands of people every year. They can look exactly like the real ones, and there is no way to know whether illicitly-purchased pharmaceuticals contain fentanyl without testing them first.

- 1 Crush the entire tablet into a fine powder.**



- 2 Pour the powder into a small cup.**

- 3 Add approximately 4 tablespoons or a quarter cup of water.**

- 4 Stir the mixture well.** (Binder material may not completely dissolve. That’s ok.) **Proceed to STEP 2.**

Unless you have your own prescription, always test pharmaceutical pills. As of 2022, opioids like Oxycontin and Vicodin are the ones most likely to be counterfeit and contain fentanyl.

FOR PRESSED MDMA (“ECSTASY”) TABLETS

- 1 Use the same steps above for testing pharmaceutical pills.**

WARNING: Only DanceSafe-branded fentanyl test strips work on pressed ecstasy tablets. Other strips give false positives. See dancesafe.org/older-fentanyl-strips.

FOR BLOTTER LSD

- 1** Cut off a small corner of the blotter.
- 2** Soak it in a teaspoon of water for 10 minutes. Proceed to STEP 2.



FOR IV DRUG USERS

If you inject heroin or other drugs, you should test every time you inject. The easiest method is to test the residue from your spoon or cooker.

- 1** After preparing your shot, set the needle aside and wait to inject.
- 2** Add about 1 ml (1/5th of a teaspoon, or 1 cc) of clean water into the spoon or cooker. Proceed to STEP 2.

STEP 2

USING THE STRIPS

After following STEP 1 to dilute your drugs, it's time to use the strips.

- 1** Hold the yellow end of the test strip and insert the other end into the liquid, no higher than the top of the dotted section.
- 2** Allow the liquid to travel up the strip into the test area. Hold the strip in the liquid for a full 15 seconds.
- 3** Remove the strip and set it down on a flat surface. The results will appear after three minutes. Proceed to STEP 3.



STEP 3

INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

One red line on top *after waiting three minutes* is a **POSITIVE** result for the presence of fentanyl.

Two red lines is a **NEGATIVE** result. The lower red line may be significantly lighter than the upper red line. **If you can see it at all after waiting three minutes, no matter how faint, it is still as negative result.**

No red lines (or one red line on the bottom) means the test is invalid. Usually this happens because the liquid did not travel far enough up the test strip.

1 RED LINE = POSITIVE FOR FENTANYL



2 RED LINES = NEGATIVE FOR FENTANYL



Do not insert above dotted section

Capillary action pulls the liquid into the test area

Hold this end

IMPORTANT: Sometimes a very faint red line will initially appear in the lower area, then quickly fade away. Do **NOT** confuse this with a negative result. Always wait three minutes before interpreting the results.

GETTING YOUR POWDER BACK

Fentanyl strip testing does NOT destroy your drugs. If you dilute crystal or powdered drugs you can get your powder back by evaporating away the water. You can do this by pouring the water into a flat-bottomed glass or ceramic dish (like a Pyrex® pie dish) and heating it. The most popular method is using an oven.

1 Put the pan in the oven on the lowest heat setting, no higher than 225°F.

2 Keep the oven door cracked and keep a close eye on the pan. This process can take minutes to hours depending on how much water you're evaporating.

3 When all the water has evaporated, an ice-like film/residue will appear on the bottom of the pan. Take the pan out and let it cool.

4 Scrape up the residue using a straight razor or other sharp tool.

Don't leave your drugs in the oven for too long after they're dry. They won't burn right away, but they will eventually.



Prince died after accidentally consuming counterfeit Vicodin pills that actually contained fentanyl.





FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



SEE INSIDE FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS

A visual guide to testing only a portion of your drugs. This method should only be used if you cannot dilute and test everything.

WHAT YOU NEED



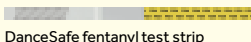
Drugs



Plastic bottle cap
1 tsp (5 ml)

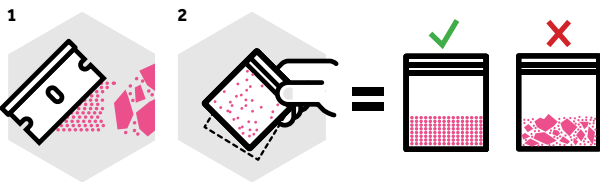


10 mg micro scoop

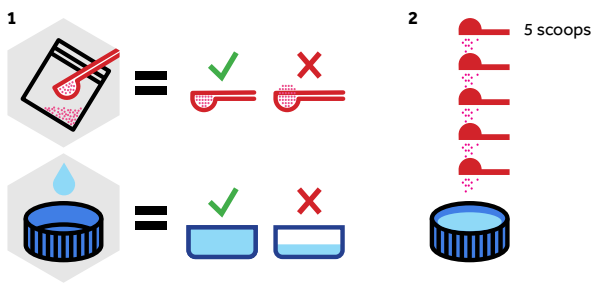


DanceSafe fentanyl test strip

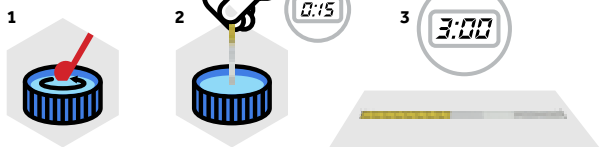
1 Crush and shake.



2 Measure and dilute.



3 Stir and test.



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UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING OVERDOSES

Except for suicides, overdose deaths are always accidental. The word "overdose" has sometimes carried a moral judgment that the individual was "pushing their limits" in order to get as high as possible, as if it were their own fault. This is not true. "Overdose" simply means taking too much of a drug, and it is always accidental. Even daily opioid users who know that fentanyl is in their product have no way of knowing the amount. Instead of blaming others, let's work together to end accidental overdoses.

CARRY NALOXONE NEVER USE ALONE

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