



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	100 mg into 10 ml
50 mg into 5 ml	1 gram into 100 ml

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

WARNING: Make sure you and your friends are using our yellow strips to avoid potential false positives with meth, MDMA, and methadone, as well as cocaine that contains levamisole or lidocaine which are among its common cuts.

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 Oxycotin 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.

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.



ALWAYS TEST YOUR DRUGS • NEVER USE ALONE • CARRY NALOXONE WHENEVER POSSIBLE