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## Fentanyl Kills



Sheriff Rambosk and CCPS Superintendent Dr. Ricciardelli want you to know about fentanyl.

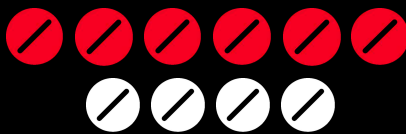
- There were 109,680 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2022.
- The majority of those deaths were due to fentanyl and similar synthetic opioids.
- That is more than all gun-related and auto-related deaths in the U.S. combined for the same period.

### CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?



### 100X STRONGER THAN MORPHINE

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid approved by the FDA for pain relief and as an anesthetic.



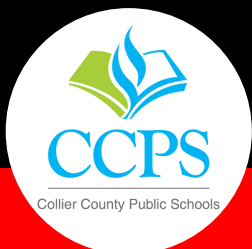
### 6 OUT OF EVERY 10 PILLS ARE POTENTIALLY LETHAL

Fentanyl is being mixed with other drugs such as cocaine, oxycodone, and Adderall. People are often unaware fentanyl has been added.



### 2 SALT-SIZED GRAINS OF FENTANYL CAN KILL

Criminal drug networks are flooding the market with fake pills laced with fentanyl.



# WHAT IS FENTANYL? WHY IS IT DANGEROUS?



Fentanyl pills and powder come in a variety of bright colors, shapes and sizes. This is a deliberate effort by drug traffickers to drive addiction among kids and young adults. Brightly-colored fentanyl is being seized in multiple forms, including pills, powder and blocks that resembles sidewalk chalk. In some cases, fentanyl has been found in THC gummies and edible products.

- Fentanyl is a powerful opioid being added to fake prescription pills and other street drugs. Fentanyl is added to increase profits because it's cheaper and stronger.
- If medication is not from a pharmacy or prescribed by your doctor, do not take it.
- Anyone who uses drugs, even the first time, is at risk of a fentanyl overdose.
- A potentially lethal dose of fentanyl is the size of 2 grains of salt.
- People selling drugs may not know if the product they are selling contains fentanyl, and there is no way they can guarantee that it doesn't contain fentanyl.

## EDUCATE YOURSELF AND HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT.

Start with a general conversation about pain, stress, mental health and medications. Mental health is a key factor in substance use. Eighty-six percent of kids between 13 and 17 years old say they are overwhelmed, and 79 percent say anxiety is a common reason to misuse medication.

## FOCUS THE CONVERSATION ON SAFETY

Focus conversations on safety. You are an important influence in the lives of your family, friends and coworkers. One of the best ways to protect kids from substance use is by having regular and open conversations to educate them about the risks. Listen to them without judgement. Also monitor their social media use. Drugs are often provided by someone that they know or a stranger that they meet on social media.



*Scan the QR code to get resources and to learn more about fentanyl.*

# Flyer Summary

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