Fentanyl Facts Night

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Illicit Fentanyl In our Community

The New Face of the Opioid Epidemic

‘Hot pills.’ Tri-Cities brothers among 3 to die over weekend of suspected tainted drugs

WHAT ARE WE SEEING IN THE COMMUNITY?

Kennewick drug dealer sentenced to 15 years for fentanyl distribution which led to overdose death

Aug 1, 2019

West Valley High School, Yakima
June 22 ·

With heavy hearts we share that Ramily has lost a 2020 graduate, Darby Bailey. The loss of this friend, daughter, sister and classmate hits us all hard. We send extra love and support to those closest to her, those so excited for the future she was just beginning after graduating from WVHS.

Her tragic death reminds all of us that fentanyl is here, right here in Yakima and West Valley, and getting into the hands of our loved ones.

Wed., Dec. 5, 2018

Officials: Fentanyl overdose deaths up 70 percent in state

Health officials say the number of people who died from an overdose of illicit fentanyl increased nearly 70 percent this year over last in Washington state.

Gina Gilmore Roybal Fentanyl was here last year when my son Devin lost his life WV class of 2019. We need to make sure our kids are safe. Please educate your kids and tell them not to take a pill from ANYONE! This is not something kids take everyday and is extremely hard to detect. The pill that ended Devin life was acetaminophen bonded w fentanyl given to him by someone who claimed to be his friend. I do not want any more families to go through the pain we have. Devin was a smart loving funny kid. Had dreams of being a firefighter but the drug won. Listen to DeAnne Bailey and I ....snoop around, look at thier snapchat communicate w thier friends parents. It's been 6 months since Devin has been gone and this pain will live w us till our last breath. Be your children's parent not thier best friend. Please reach out if you have questions.

MEAD, Wash. — Police are still trying to determine if a 17-year-old Mead student’s drug overdose death was accidental.

The student died from an overdose involving oxycodone and Xanax, among other drugs, on January 11.

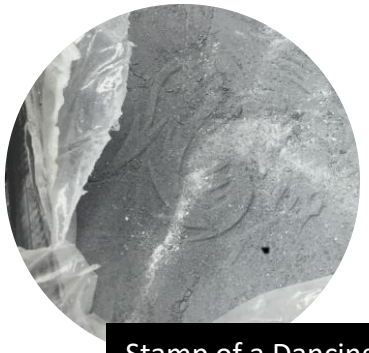
If the drugs he took were laced with fentanyl, then his death could be considered a homicide.

Three deaths in Yakima area related to fentanyl-laced blue pill

Sep 9, 2019

SPOKANE, Wash. — A Spokane woman whose cause of death was the subject of a viral social media post questioning the Spokane Police Department was determined to have died of an accidental fentanyl overdose.

- **Illicit Fentanyl is the new face of the Opioid Epidemic**
- **Began emerging in the District in 2016- First seizure in August 2016 of what was supposed to be 10 kilograms of Heroin- unknown to officers it was Fentanyl.**
- **Since 2016- Fentanyl has been seized on a regular basis. It has been found in two basic forms- powder and pills. The most common is in pill form.**
- **Since 2018, law enforcement has repeatedly seized large shipments of Fentanyl laced pills**



Stamp of a Dancing

44,000 plus Fentanyl laced pills

Approximately 55,000 pills

7200 plus Fentanyl laced pills

5,000 plus Fentanyl laced pills

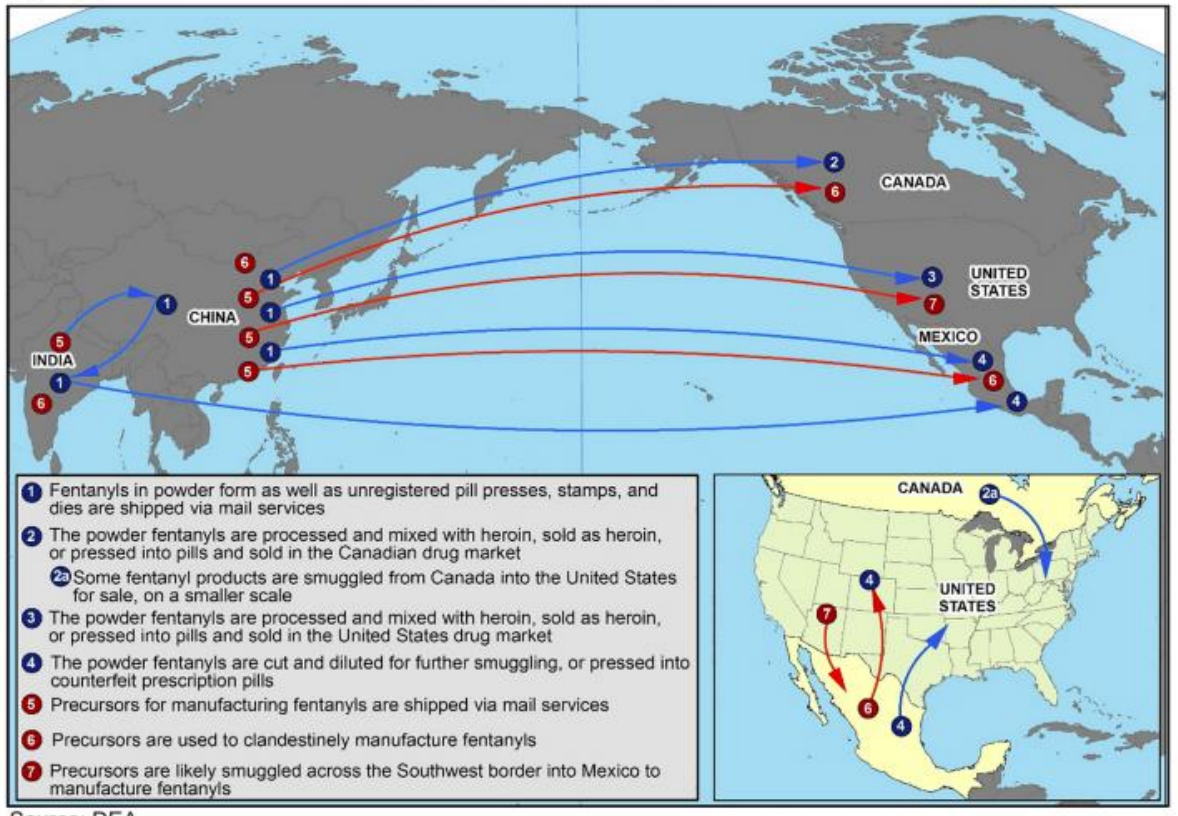
ILLICIT FENTANYL

- This trend will not likely decrease
  - Cheap to mass produce
  - No quality controls in the production of fake pills
  - Easily smuggled across the border
  - Demand has been created
    - Reports of immediate and powerful addiction
    - Reported use of 20-30 pills per day-
    - 200 to 300 dollar a day habit has other negative impacts

The flow of fentanyl into the United States in 2019 is more diverse compared to the start of the fentanyl crisis in 2014, with new source countries and new transit countries emerging as significant trafficking nodes. This is exacerbating the already multi-faceted fentanyl crisis by introducing additional source countries into the global supply chain of fentanyl, fentanyl-related substances, and fentanyl precursors. Further, this complicates law enforcement operations and policy efforts to stem the flow of fentanyl into the United States. While Mexico and China are the primary source countries for fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances trafficked directly into the United States, India is emerging as a source for finished fentanyl powder and fentanyl precursor chemicals.

DETAILS

(U) FIGURE 1. FENTANYL FLOW TO THE UNITED STATES 2019



Source: DEA

Data close of 2018

In Washington, an estimated 63% of drug overdose deaths involved opioids in 2018–a total of 737 (a rate of 9.4).

- Among opioid-involved deaths, those involving heroin or prescription opioids remained steady with a respective 328 (a rate of 4.2) and 301 (a rate of 3.8) reported in 2018 (Figure 1).

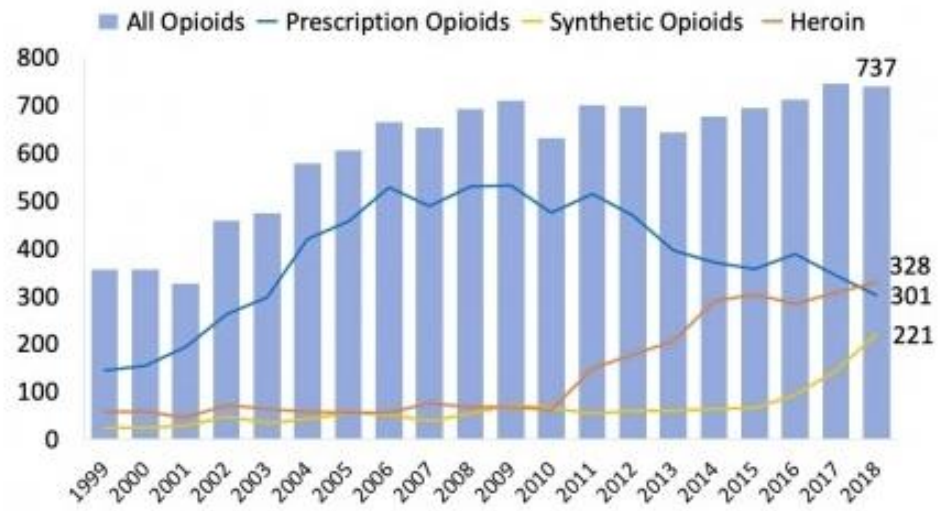
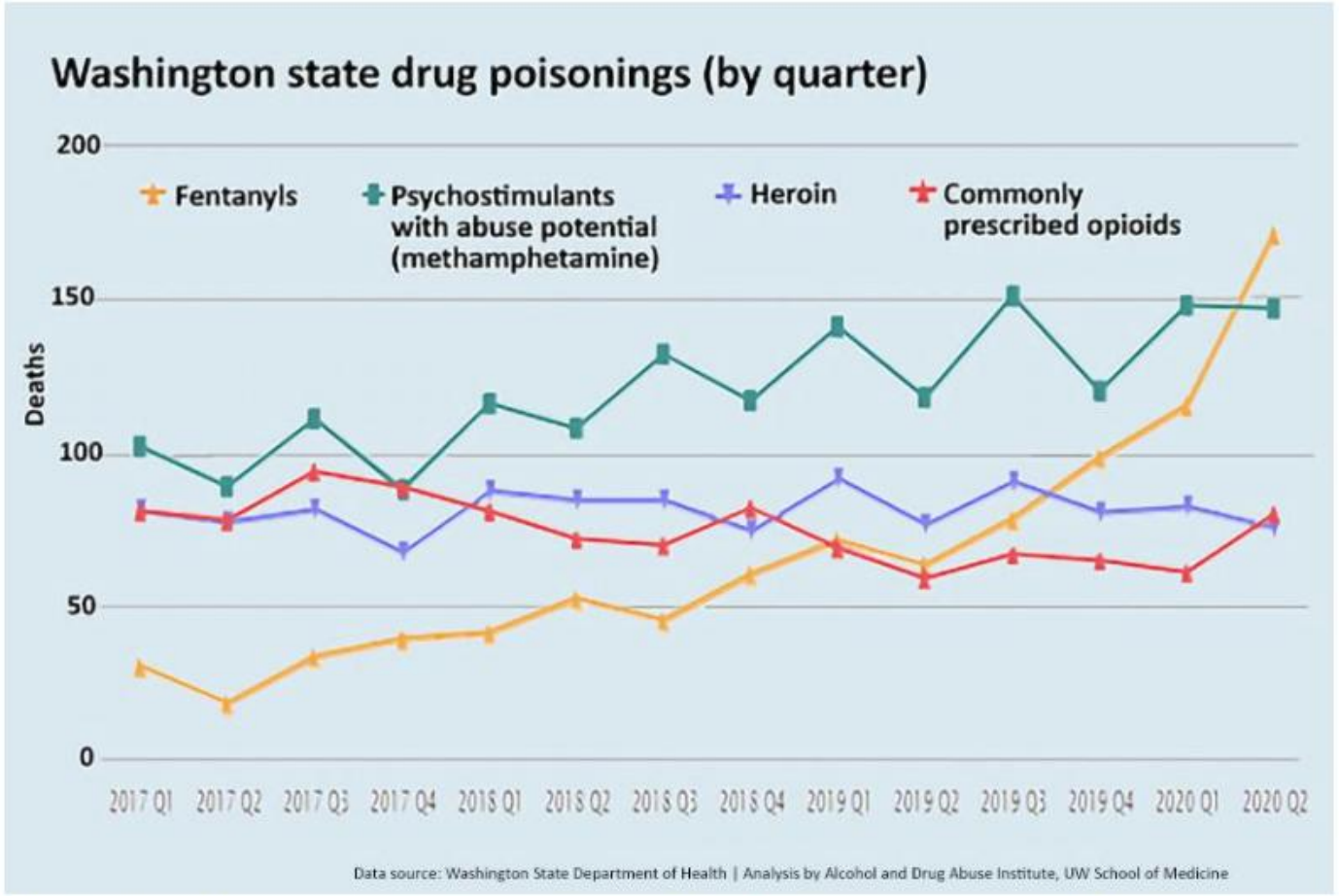


Figure 1. Number of overdose deaths involving opioids in Washington, by opioid category. Drug categories presented are not mutually exclusive, and deaths may have involved more than one substance. Source: CDC WONDER, 2020.

- Deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone (mainly fentanyl and fentanyl analogs) increased to 221 (a rate of 2.9) in 2018.[3]

Data By 2020



A chart shows fentanyl's sharp increase in Washington overdoses in the first half of 2020, the last period for which data are finalized.

In late December, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a despairing fact: 81,230 Americans had succumbed to drug overdoses in the year that ended in May 2020. It marked the highest total of overdoses ever for a 12-month span and an increase of 18% from the previous span.

The report largely attributed the rise to illegally manufactured fentanyl, an opioid often counterfeited to resemble oxycodone pills. Fentanyl is fast-acting and its danger lies in its potency: 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine. In 2020, fentanyl overtook methamphetamine as the drug most involved in overdoses in Washington state.

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl vs Illicit Fentanyl

Fentanyl

Illicit Fentanyl

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Illicit Fentanyl and Naloxone

More potent = it holds tighter to our cells

This results in larger or repeated doses of naloxone needed to treat an illicit fentanyl overdose

Fact or Fiction?

Fiction!

Tools like “Pill ID” apps will help in making safer decisions when buying tablets.

When illicit fentanyl is being made into tablets that mimic common medications, Pill ID tools are not able to identify them correctly. This creates false sense of security.

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Fact!

Washington State has a "Good Samaritan" Law that protects those getting help for a medical emergency

In WA State, anyone trying to help in a medical emergency is generally protected from civil liabilities by RCW 4.24.300. WA State's 911 Good Samaritan Overdose Law RCW 69.50.315 gives additional, specific protections against drug possession charges:

- If you seek medical assistance in a drug-related overdose, you cannot be prosecuted for drug possession.
- The overdose victim is also protected from drug possession charges.

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Fiction… Sort of.

When I use Naloxone, the patient will become combative and hurt me.

- This is not always true. Data shows us that the mood and demeanor of the person responding to the overdose has the highest correlation on the mood and demeanor of the patient.
- Only two official reports of safety concerns due to combative responses to naloxone and these were in a hospital setting.
- This doesn’t mean it doesn’t happen, but it does mean that anecdotal accounts may be exaggerated.

Fiction!

Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS) will enable increased fentanyl use in my community.

Evidence based data does not support this

It is counterintuitive, but like any other harm reduction strategy, we see decreased deaths with no significant link to increased drug use.

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Fiction!

In helping with fentanyl overdose, there is a strong possibility I will inhale or absorb the drug.

- A passive fentanyl overdose has not been documented in the United States.
- This narrative can be harmful.

- When can fentanyl result in a passive overdose? When a powdered substance has become aerosolized.
- Use PPE and common sense when handling these situations.

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Fact!

I can have naloxone and share it with others that might encounter and opioid overdose.

Anyone in WA State who might have or witness an opioid overdose is allowed to carry and administer naloxone. (RCW 69.41.095)

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Questions?

Who is most at risk?

What is the good news?

EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, FOCUSED LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, GATHER MORE INTELLIGENCE, AND DO OUR BEST TO CREATE A DETERENT IMPACT

1. **Opioids and Substance Abuse in the Community**

This is an excellent briefing presentation by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Van Marter and Dr. Nicole Rodin, Clinical Assistant Professor with the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Learn what illicit Fentanyl is, how it affects the human body, why it is so dangerous and addictive, and some of the signs of drug abuse. Learn about the growing influx of illicit Fentanyl into Eastern Washington, about Fentanyl's incredibly deadly power and the overdoses occurring. Get educated and be familiar with what you can do to talk to family members and others about illicit Fentanyl, the resources available, and about spreading the message on prevention and education.

https://youtu.be/_eA53zELHYs (21 minutes, 37 seconds)

2. **Interview with Deborah Savran and Jedediah Kaufman**

Hear from Deborah and Jed about her very talented and happy 17 year-old high school son, Gabe, who was deeply loved by his mother and stepfather, his father, and his 13 year-old sister. Understand the reality of young adult lives and the stresses they experience. They candidly discuss Gabe's tragic instantaneous death from one-half of an illicit Fentanyl-laced pill taken in his bedroom one night, on his younger sister trying to wake him the next morning, and on her and her father trying, but being unable to resuscitate him as he had passed away. Learn their advice to families about talking about the "game changer," killer Fentanyl, so teenagers and others are aware and have defense mechanisms to make educated healthy choices. Their great desire is that you know what they didn't know about illicit Fentanyl and what you can do about it in order to save lives.

https://youtu.be/npMXmdaBRPQ (16 minutes, 55 seconds)

3. **Interview with Roger and Kim Bartholomew**

Ross Bartholomew, a 35 year-old married father of a 2 week old and a 3 year old, died from a one-pill Fentanyl overdose. Hear from his parents about his addiction following a back surgery, its escalation, his addiction treatment and the trauma and tragedy of his death. Learn their suggestions for how we can all work to avoid similar tragedy, on getting involved at the first signs of drug abuse, on getting educated about illicit Fentanyl, what to look for with your loved ones, and on taking decisive action in trying to save lives.

https://youtu.be/AUwxw-NjL7w (12 minutes, 30 seconds)

4. **Interview with Christopher Armer**

Meet Chris Armer, who grew up in an all American family, but became a recreational drug user. Learn how his habit got out of control when illicit Fentanyl became available, and how that led to his selling drugs in trying to pay for his increasing habit. Learn about his being in such a "fog" that he didn't appreciate the risks involved, about his being arrested and going through detox, and about his rehabilitation and continuing recovery. His clear message: "You think that you are doing just one . . . and it is so easy to go into the deep water. . . . It's just so easy to get sucked into it. Don't even try it. . . . It's not worth your going down the path and have your entire life changed."

https://youtu.be/r0bM-nc1XOM (9 minutes)