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Officer Safety: Fentanyl Handling Warning Death Could Result

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The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently released a video intended to warn law enforcement officers of the dangers of encountering fentanyl, a synthetically-produced opioid.¹

The video features two officers who describe near death effects following contact with fentanyl.

WATCH THE VIDEO:

DEA Fentanyl Roll Call Video http://www.dea.gov/video_clips/Fentanyl%20Roll%20Call%20Video.mp4

YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT CONTAINS FENTANYL²

- Fentanyl can look like heroin (may be compressed bricks, powder or illicit tablets)
- It may exhibit little or no odor (like the odor known to belong to heroin)
- Field test results may be unreliable when conducted on substances combined with fentanyl (for example, a reaction to fentanyl may be masked if combined with heroin)
- It may be a fentanyl-related compound such as 3-methylfentanyl, which is said to be more 16 times more potent than fentanyl alone³

COLLECT EVIDENCE WITH CAUTION⁴

- Ensure proper ventilation
- Package in plastic
- Ensure a secure, adequate seal on evidence packaging
- Consider exposure to canine companions in the field⁴

HANDLE WITH CARE⁴

- Use gloves, ventilation masks, and protect skin from direct contact

MINIMIZE HANDLING⁴

- Send evidence directly to a laboratory
- Seek guidance from your agency for field testing

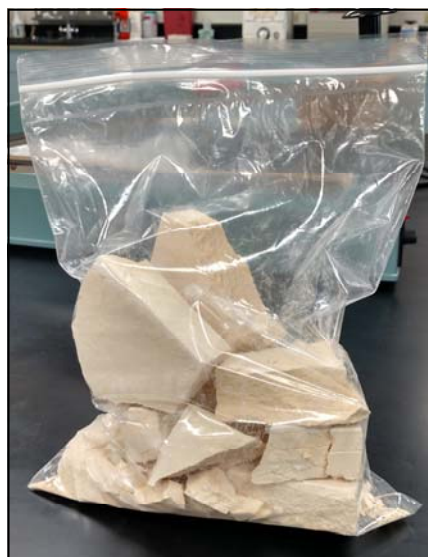


Photo Source: BCI London Laboratory

Officer Safety: Fentanyl Warning

Ohio BCI Laboratories

The analgesic potency of this drug is said to be about 100 times that of morphine⁵ and 40 to 50 times stronger than heroin.¹ Ohio BCI labs have noted an increased number of submissions of fentanyl and fentanyl combined with other substances. Thus far, in 2016, Ohio BCI has issued over 1,000 reports of fentanyl-related laboratory submissions. Of these submissions, fentanyl was most likely to be noted alone or in combination with heroin (Chart 1). To date, Ohio BCI has identified 4 fentanyl-related compounds (including 3-methylfentanyl).



Chart 1⁴

DRUG	Count
Fentanyl	565
Fentanyl And Heroin	492
Fentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, And Heroin	49
Fentanyl, Heroin, And Cocaine	48
Fentanyl And Cocaine	34
3-Methylfentanyl	33
Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl	30
Fentanyl, Heroin, And Methamphetamine	13
Furanyl Fentanyl	9
Fentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, And Cocaine	8
Furanyl Fentanyl And Heroin	7
Fentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, Heroin, And Cocaine	6
3-Methylfentanyl And Heroin	4
Fentanyl And Methamphetamine	4
3-Methylfentanyl, Heroin, And Cocaine	4
Acetyl Fentanyl	3
Fentanyl And Valeryl Fentanyl	2
Fentanyl And Morphine	2
3-Methylfentanyl And Cocaine	2
Fentanyl, Heroin, And Oxycodone	2
Fentanyl And THC	2
Fentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, Heroin, And Tramadol	2
Fentanyl, Heroin, And THC	2
Fentanyl And 6-Monoacetyl Morphine	2
Fentanyl, Cocaine, And THC	1
Fentanyl, 3-Methylfentanyl, Acetyl Fentanyl, And Heroin	1
Furanyl Fentanyl, Codeine, And Heroin	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, Methamphetamine, Methylphenidate, Methadone, And Oxycodone	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, And U-47700	1
Fentanyl, Cocaine, And Morphine	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, Cocaine, And THC	1
3-Methylfentanyl And Methamphetamine	1
Fentanyl, Heroin, And Methylphenidate	1
Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, And Morphine	1
Total Reports which included these findings	1335

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