

# FENTANYL

## THE DEADLIEST HIGH

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine. While it is often prescribed to treat patients with severe pain, it is also made and used illegally. That's when it gets dangerous. A dose of 2 milligrams is considered lethal to the average person.



A FEATHER ON AVERAGE WEIGHS 1 GRAM  
**500X LETHAL DOSE**



A GRAIN OF SAND ON AVERAGE WEIGHS 0.6 MILLIGRAMS  
**4 GRAINS OF SAND = LETHAL DOSE**

## FENTANYL ON THE RISE

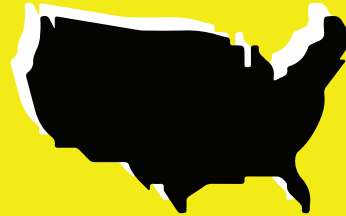
Over the last several years, the use of fentanyl has been on the rise. Unfortunately, so have accidental overdoses. This epidemic is happening all over the nation, but especially in Tennessee.



### FENTANYL IN TENNESSEE:

Deaths from fentanyl increased by **300%** between 2013 and 2017 alone.

Fentanyl was responsible for **7.9 deaths per 100,000** Tennesseans in 2017, up from **4.6 deaths per 100,000** Tennesseans in 2016.



### FENTANYL IN AMERICA:

Between 2013 and 2016, the number of fentanyl-related deaths approximately **doubled every single year**.

In 2017 alone, **28,400 people died** from overdoses involving synthetic opioids.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, there is help.

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