

What is illicit fentanyl?

Fentanyl is an extremely powerful synthetic opioid that when ingested can result in sudden death. It is up to 100 times more powerful than morphine. Fentanyl is being mixed into all street drugs, including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and pressed into counterfeit pills made to look like prescription medication such as Oxycontin®, Percocet®, Vicodin®, Adderall®, Xanax® and other medicines.

Where does it come from?

Mexican criminal drug networks are mass-producing illicit fentanyl and counterfeit pills using chemicals sourced largely from China, and are distributing these pills and street drugs through U.S. criminal networks.

Drug cartels make and supply illicit fentanyl either as a standalone substance or as an additive deceptively put into other dangerous street drugs. Criminal drug networks are selling these drugs through social media, e-commerce, the dark web and existing distribution networks.

The Blue Plaid Society

