

FENTANYL FACT SHEET

Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York

Fentanyl kills. Every 7 hours someone dies in New York City of drug overdose.

- Fatal drug overdoses in New York City reached an all-time high of 1,374 in 2016, with 44% involving fentanyl.
- A potent synthetic opioid, fentanyl was originally developed as an anesthetic and is now manufactured illicitly in Mexico and China.
- Fentanyl is frequently mixed into other illegal drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, or pressed into counterfeit pills and sold as Xanax or oxycodone.
- Street level drug dealers may not be aware that their product contains fentanyl, leaving buyers at great risk of overdose or death.
- As little as 2 milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal. It is roughly 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Of the five boroughs, Staten Island continues to have the highest rate of overdose death.
- The Bronx saw the largest number of fatal overdoses in 2016, with the South Bronx most severely impacted.
- Manhattan experienced the greatest increase in numbers of overdose deaths, followed by Queens and Brooklyn.
- Fatal overdoses involving heroin and/or fentanyl are escalating across all demographic groups.
- Overdose deaths are most prevalent among New Yorkers aged 35 to 54.

RESOURCES

Fentanyl Kills

A public awareness campaign from SNP warning of fentanyl's increased presence in New York City.
PSA: fentanylkills.nyc

See an overdose? Call 911. Save a Life.

New York State's 911 Good Samaritan Law protects you when calling for medical help if you see or experience an overdose.
PSA: [youtube.com/watch?v=jnAXNfCKMNO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnAXNfCKMNO)

NYC Well

Visit: nycwell.cityofnewyork.us
24/7 helpline: 1-888-692-9355
Press 2 for Crisis Intervention
Text WELL to 65173

HealingNYC

An initiative from the Office of Mayor Bill de Blasio to reduce opioid overdose deaths 35% over the next 5 years.
Visit: nyc.gov/healingnyc

Access to Naloxone

Naloxone is available without a prescription at over 740 pharmacies throughout the city and at registered opioid overdose programs.
Visit: www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/naloxone.page

New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Visit: oasas.ny.gov/treatment
24/7 helpline: 1-877-846-7369

New York City Police Department

Crime Stoppers: 1-800-577-8477

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