DRUG CHECKING TEST STRIPS

WHAT ARE TEST STRIPS?

- **Tools that check for certain drugs in samples.**
- **Do not show how much drug is in the sample or how strong it is.**
- **Help people stay safer by giving them information about what is in their drugs to make choices to avoid harm from drugs like overdose.**

ABOUT FENTAYNL

- **A very strong opioid drug.**
- **Commonly mixed with other drugs like other opioids, sedatives, and stimulants.**
- **Also found in street-bought pills and powders.**

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ABOUT XYLAZINE

- **A type of sedative, also called "tranq" or "tranq dope"**
- **Not an opioid, but commonly found mixed with an opioid.**
- **Especially dangerous when combined with opioids like fentanyl.**
- **Can cause severe wounds anywhere on the body, not just where the drug was used.**

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OVERDOSE RISK

Fentanyl and xylazine can make a person stop breathing, making the risk of overdose higher.

Naloxone can help someone start breathing again during an opioid involved overdose. Xylazine is often found with opioids like fentanyl, **so always use naloxone and call 911 if you think someone is overdosing,** as it may help them start breathing until help arrives.

It's also important to give rescue breaths to get the person breathing again. Keep giving rescue breaths until they are breathing about 1 breath every 5 seconds. If they start breathing normally on their own, you don't need to give more naloxone.

USING TEST STRIPS

Step 1: Prepare the Sample



Get a clean container (new bottle cap)

Add 10mg of drug (size of a match head)

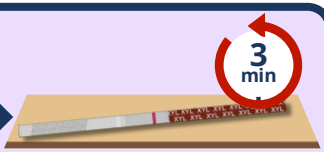
Add 1 tsp water (size of a bottle cap)

Mix well using a clean object (like a straw)

Step 2: Dip the Strip & Wait



Hold the strip by the solid end (usually marked with the letters XYL or FYL) and dip the other end into the liquid. Leave it in the liquid for 60 seconds.



Take the strip out of the liquid and place it flat on a clean dry surface. Wait 3 minutes for the results to appear.

Step 3: Reading Results



2 RED LINES = Test was NEGATIVE

suggesting no substance of interest was detected



1 RED LINE = POSTIVE

suggesting the substance of interest was detected

If only ONE red line shows on the LEFT or no red lines show, the test DIDN'T WORK. Try again with a new strip.

Additional Note

Do not use xylazine test strips on non-opioid drugs. They can give a false result when testing drugs like meth, cocaine or benzos.

There might be differences between brands so, be sure to follow any brand specific instructions.

Positive Results? Consider These Options

- Carry naloxone aka Narcan
- Never use alone
- Don't use the supply
- Start low and go slow: start with a low dose and only increase gradually.

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