

# DRUG CHECKING TEST STRIPS

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#### WHAT ARE TEST STRIPS?

- Test strips are tools that check for certain drugs in samples.
- Test strips do not show how much drug is in the sample or how strong it is.
- Test strips help people stay safer by giving them information to make better choices and avoid harm like overdose.

### ABOUT FENTANYL

- Fentanyl is a man-made opioid drug that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine.
- Fentanyl found in the drug supply is commonly mixed with other drugs like stimulants and xylazine.

#### **ABOUT XYLAZINE**

- Xylazine, also called "tranq" or "tranq dope," is a type of sedative, which means it helps calm you down. It's not an opioid, but it is starting to show up more often in drugs.
- Xylazine is especially dangerous when combined with opioids like fentanyl.

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Fentanyl and xylazine can make the risk of overdose higher because they are very strong and can make a person stop breathing. This is dangerous especially if people don't know they are taking them.

Medicines like naloxone can stop the effects of drugs like fentanyl and help someone start breathing again during an overdose. Even though xylazine is not an opioid, **you should always use naloxone and call 911 if you think someone is having an overdose** because it may help them start breathing until help arrives.

It's also important to help by giving rescue breaths to get the person breathing again. Keep going until they are breathing about 12 times a minute. If they start breathing on their own, you don't need to give more naloxone.

## **USING TEST STRIPS**

