

How fentanyl affects the body and brain.

This opioid drug is often mixed into fake pills or other illegal drugs.

Fentanyl blocks pain and can cause happy, calm feelings at first. Fentanyl also prevents the brain from sending enough “breathe now” signals to the lungs.

Even a tiny amount of fentanyl can cause an overdose, which is when the person’s breathing gets too slow or stops.



Naloxone is medicine that can reverse an overdose, so the person starts breathing again. Anyone can use naloxone to save a life.



Watch videos about young people and their friends and families who are acting to end overdose.

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