

Our Drop In Services

Syringe access and disposal
Safer smoking kits
Overdose education
naloxone and fentanyl test strips

Shower and bathroom facilities (till 2pm)
Onsite Laundry services (last load at 2pm)
Community Lunch (every Wednesday)
Community Clothing Closet

Peer Groups and Activities

Yoga (every Tuesday and Thursday)

Harm Reduction Counseling
Onsite case management services

Wound Care, HEP C + HIV testing and treatment with Baltimore City Health Department Van (every other Wednesday)

COVID-19 vaccine clinics (call to check times)
PPE and Hand Sanitizer

Safer Sex Materials

Case Management Services

Assistance in applying for housing

Assistance in applying for benefits

Connection to Mental Health and Medical care

Transportation support

Prescription support

Substance use treatment

Budget Management

Assistance in obtaining personal documents; ID's Birth Certificate

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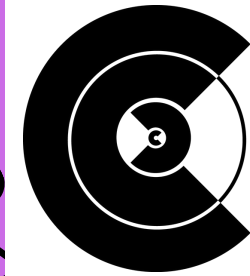
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Harm Reduction Tip of the Week!



6/13/22

**1214 N Wolfe St,
Baltimore, MD 21213**

443-478-3015

Hours

Mon-Thurs

Open 10am-12:00 pm
& 12:30pm-3:30pm


Closed 12-12:30pm

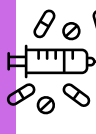
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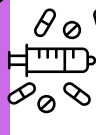
FENTANYL

 FENTANYL IS A SYNTHETIC OPIOID USED IN CLINICAL SETTINGS SINCE 1968.

 IT'S 50 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN HEROIN AND 80-100 TIMES STRONGER THAN MORPHINE

 ITS USED IN OTHER DRUGS OFTEN TIMES BECAUSE ITS CHEAPER TO MANUFACTURE AND A SMALL AMOUNT IS POWERFUL

 SOME USE IT INTENTIONALLY DUE TO ITS POTENCY, BUT MANY CONSUME IT WITHOUT KNOWING THAT IT'S IN THEIR DRUGS

 FENTANYL SOLD ON THE STREET OFTEN COMES IN A WHITE, GRAY, OR TAN POWDER FORM & CAN BE INJECTED, SMOKED, OR SNORTED

 IT CAN BE FOUND IN DRUGS LIKE HEROIN, METH, COCAINE, AND PRESSED PILLS



FENTANYL IS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT OVERDOSE CRISIS IN THE U.S. ALONG WITH THE LACK OF RESOURCES AND CRIMINALIZATION OF PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS. DUE TO THIS, PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNAWARE OF WHAT'S IN THE DRUGS THEY'RE USING



STARTING IN 2012, THERE WAS A SPIKE IN OVERDOSE DEATHS RELATED TO SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS



OVERDOSE DEATHS INVOLVING FENTANYL HAVE QUADRUPLED IN THE RECENT YEARS



FENTANYL IS RESPONSIVE TO NALOXONE IN THE EVENT OF AN OVERDOSE

MAY REQUIRE 2-3 MINS TO RESPOND TO THE NALOXONE ONCE ADMINISTERED & RESCUE BREATHING MAY BE REQUIRED

ADDITIONAL DOSES OF NALOXONE MAY BE REQUIRED

IF SOMEONE DOES NOT RESPOND TO NALOXONE, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN WITHOUT OXYGEN FOR TOO LONG BEFORE BEING RECEIVING NALOXONE

WOODEN/RIGID CHEST SYNDROME- FENTANYL OR FENTANYL ANALOGS CAN CAUSE SEIZURE LIKE SYMPTOMS LIKE:

MUSCLE SPASMS, LOCKED LIMBS, & A RIGID CHEST THAT CAN PREVENT A PERSON FROM BREATHING PROPERLY

TREAT THIS LIKE A NORMAL OVERDOSE AND PROVIDE NALOXONE. THE SYMPTOMS SHOULD RELIEVE IN 2-3 MINS YOU CANNOT OVERDOSE FROM TOUCHING POWDER FENTANYL



FENTANYL MUST BE INTRODUCED TO THE BLOODSTREAM OR MUCUS MEMBRANE IN ORDER TO FEEL THE EFFECTS



FENTANYL PATCHES THAT CAN BE ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN DO EXIST, BUT ARE USED MOSTLY IN THE MEDICAL SETTINGS

REDUCING OVERDOSE RISK

WHEN USING, ASSUME THERE IS A RISK OF OVERDOSE NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE USING

USE SLOW & USE LESS: A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY. REMEMBER, AN OVERDOSE CAN HAPPEN VERY QUICKLY

TRY SNORTING/ SMOKING INSTEAD OF INJECTING: INJECTING CARRIES THE HIGHEST RISK OF OVERDOSE. PLEASE NOTE THAT OVERDOSE IS STILL POSSIBLE WITH SNORTING AND SMOKING.

SPACE OUT YOUR DOSES

TRY NOT TO USE ALONE. TRY TO USE WITH SOMEONE(S) YOU TRUST. IF YOU MUST USE ALONE, HAVE SOMEONE CHECK ON YOU AROUND THE TIMES THAT YOU USE.

IF USING IN A GROUP, TRY NOT TO USE AT THE SAME TIME. TRY TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO CAN STAY ALERT AND PROVIDE NALOXONE IF NEEDED

TEST YOUR DRUGS

ALWAYS CARRY NALOXONE/ NARCAN. KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY AN OVERDOSE AND HOW TO USE NALOXONE/ NARCAN