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Opioids Can Be Dangerous

Opioids are strong medicines that help with pain. But they can also make people feel high and lead to addiction.



Prescription Opioids

Doctors may give opioids like oxycodone, morphine, or fentanyl for serious pain.

- These medicines are safe **only when used as prescribed**.
- The strength and purity can be trusted when they come from a pharmacy.

Illicit Opioids

Opioids like heroin or illegally made fentanyl are very risky.

- You can't know how strong they are.
- Even a small amount can cause an overdose.



Fentanyl: The Biggest Danger

- Fentanyl is **50–100 times stronger** than most opioids.
- Just a tiny amount can be deadly.
- It's often mixed into drugs like heroin, cocaine, meth, or fake pills that look like real medicine (like oxycodone or Xanax).
- Many people don't know fentanyl is in what they're taking.

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What Happens in an Overdose?

- Breathing slows or stops.
- The heart can stop beating.
- Without help, the person can die.

STAY SAFE

- Only take medicine from your doctor or pharmacist.
- Never take pills from friends, online, or the street.
- Carry **Naloxone**. It can save a life during an overdose.



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