

UNDERSTANDING FENTANYL TEST STRIPS



Fentanyl test strips (FTS) can be used to identify the presence of fentanyl in unregulated drugs. Being aware if fentanyl is present in a drug allows for the use of harm reduction strategies to reduce the risk of drug poisoning.

These tests are not 100% accurate, and they can't tell you how much is in your drugs, but there is research* to support the use of FTS alongside sensory strategies as an effective harm reduction tool.

*Zibbell et al. Consumer discernment of fentanyl in illicit opioids confirmed by fentanyl test strips. International Journal of Drug Policy. 01/2021.



USING FENTANYL TEST STRIPS



OPTION 01

Finely crush your drugs on a clean surface.

- Put the crushed drugs in a small, plastic bag and shake the bag to mix them.
- Empty the bag and put your drugs to the side.

A small amount of drug residue should be left in the bag.

Then see below



OR OPTION 02

Put 10 milligrams (mg) of your drugs (enough to cover Abraham Lincoln's hair on a penny) in a clean, dry container.

- If you cannot test 10 mg of your drugs, put at least a few grains in a clean, dry container.

Then see below



ADD WATER TO YOUR DRUGS AND MIX THEM UP.

- For meth, MDMA, and ecstasy, use 1 teaspoon of water for every 10 mg of crystal or powder you are testing.
- For all other drugs, use a half teaspoon of water.

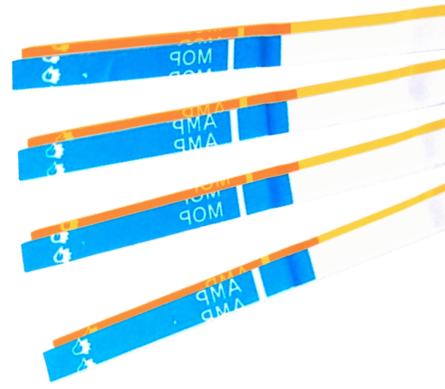


USE THE TEST STRIP.

- Place the test strip with the wavy side down in the water. Let the strip absorb the water for 15 seconds.
- Take the strip out of the water and place it on a flat surface for two minutes.



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POSITIVE



NEGATIVE



INVALID

DID YOUR DRUGS TEST POSITIVE FOR FENTANYL?



YES ✓

NO ✗

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