

How to Use Fentanyl Test Strips

1 Place some of the drug in a bottle cap or small cup. Crush tablets, pills, and crystals into powder.

Not testing a whole tablet/pill? Break in half. Scrape from the middle.

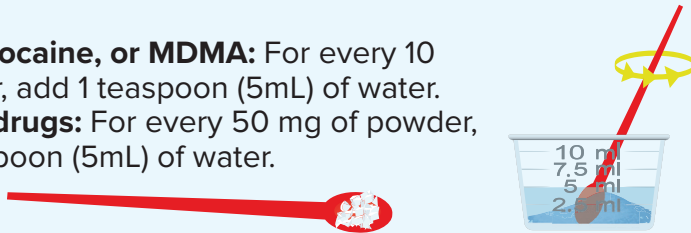
Testing before injection? Test residue in your cooker. Add 1 mL of water. Follow steps 3 and 4.

2 Add the right amount of water based on how much drug you have. See **"Add Water."** Fully dissolve the drug. Stir with clean spoon.

Add Water

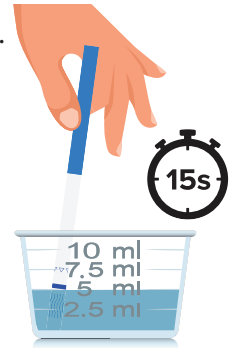
For "meth," cocaine, or MDMA: For every 10 mg of powder, add 1 teaspoon (5mL) of water.

For all other drugs: For every 50 mg of powder, add one teaspoon (5mL) of water.



3 Hold blue end of strip. Put other end in the liquid--no higher than the blue line.

Let liquid travel up strip into test area. This takes about 15 seconds.



4 Set strip on a flat surface. Wait about 3 minutes. See **"How to Read Test Results."**



How to Read Test Results

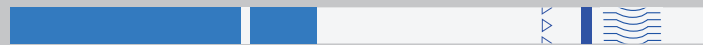
ONE RED line = POSITIVE has Fentanyl



TWO RED lines = NEGATIVE no Fentanyl (even if the second line is faint, it's still negative)



NO line = FALSE/NOT ACCURATE Retest Your Drug



Remember: 1P 2N

Options if Fentanyl is Present

- Don't use the drug.
- Keep naloxone handy.
- Avoid mixing with other drugs.
- Take less and go slowly.
- Use with others who can call 911 if you have a bad reaction — or call Never Use Alone: 877-696-1996

Think someone is overdosing?

CALL 911 right away. Give naloxone if available. Open the airway and do CPR until help arrives.

Cut Your Overdose Risk

Use fentanyl test strips on all your drugs.

Most opioid overdose deaths in New York State involve synthetic opioids—like fentanyl. If you don't test your drugs, you increase your risk of overdosing.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid, 50-100 times stronger than heroin. It is in fake pills and most of what is sold as heroin. It can also be found in cocaine, crack, "meth," and MDMA. Find out if fentanyl is in drugs you swallow, smoke, snort, or inject. You can't tell if a drug has fentanyl by its color or taste.

Fentanyl test strips are not 100% reliable.

They cannot tell how much fentanyl is in your drugs.

You can overdose even if the test says fentanyl is not in your drug.

Haven't used opioids lately? You're at a greater risk for an overdose - whether or not fentanyl is in your drug.

Uneven Amount: The more of a drug you test, the better your chances of finding fentanyl. Why? Fentanyl is mixed into drugs unevenly.

Stay Safe

1. **Don't want to take fentanyl?** Don't use whatever substance you have.
2. **Use a smaller amount.** A test dose/shot of your drug will help you see how strong it is. You can always do more, but once it is in your body you can't do less.
3. **Try not to use alone.** Be around others who will use naloxone and call 911 if needed. Prefer to use alone? Can't use around others?

Call Never Use Alone Hotline: 877-696-1996

How to:

Get Fentanyl Test Strips

<https://mattersnetwork.org/request-test-strips>



<https://nextdistro.org>



or connect with your local syringe service organization at:

<https://nextdistro.org/nysep>



Get Naloxone

health.ny.gov/overdose

1-800-692-8528



Respond to an Opioid Overdose

health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/overdose_facts



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