

Instructions for Testing the Residue Inside a Baggie

CAUTION: This is not the best method, because it is best to test all that you intend to consume each time you use (as described in "Best Method" on other side).

NOTE: If you are testing cocaine that is pressed into a rock, grind it or crush it up and put it in a baggie before following the steps below.

1. Shake your baggie, then empty the powder or crystals inside your baggie into a second baggie.
2. Fill the first baggie with $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of clean water and swish it around to dissolve the residue.
 - If testing meth or MDMA, you may need to add more water depending on how much residue is stuck to the inside of the baggie.
3. Pour the liquid-residue into a clean glass and add half a cup of water to dilute the residue.
4. Hold the blue end of the test strip and insert the other end into the residue liquid in the glass for 15 seconds.
5. Set the strip down on a flat surface and wait one to two minutes.
6. Read the results.

What can you do to be safer if your drugs test positive for fentanyl?

- Exchange these drugs or don't use them.
- Don't use alone.
- Change how you use –
 - Try just a little first, or go slower.
 - Snort or drink your drugs instead of injecting.

Try to look out for each other.

- Always carry Narcan®.
- Call 911 in case of an overdose.

Know that recovery is possible.

If you want to reduce your drug use or find information on different paths to recovery, go to www.EmbraceRecoverySC.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FENTANYL TEST STRIPS

Fentanyl test strips are for harm reduction purposes only. They cannot tell you how much fentanyl is present, and they cannot detect every fentanyl analog or other synthetic opiates. A negative test result does not mean the drugs being tested are 100% safe. All street drug use contains inherent risks.

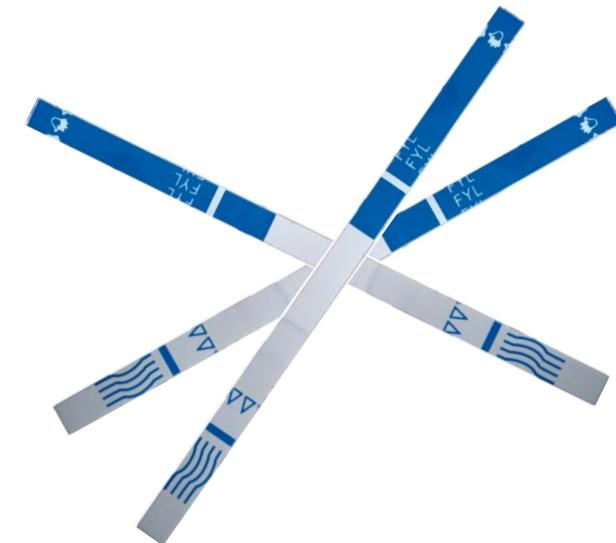
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A Guide to the Use of Fentanyl Test Strips



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What is fentanyl?

Fentanyl and various fentanyl analogs (drugs that are physically similar to fentanyl) are highly potent. Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Fentanyl can be deadly, even if you snort it and even if you aren't aware it has been mixed into heroin or cocaine. It only takes a very small amount to cause an overdose and possibly death.

When fentanyl or a fentanyl analog is mixed with heroin, cocaine or other drugs, it is **never** mixed evenly. Powder from one side of a baggie may contain no fentanyl at all, but powder from the other side of the baggie may contain a fatal dose. It isn't good enough to test just one sample from your baggie. It's important to test every bit of the drug you plan on using before you use it – **every time**.

Why use fentanyl test strips?

Rapid fentanyl test strips can be used to find out if drugs have been mixed or cut with fentanyl. This will help people who use drugs reduce their risk of overdose.

HOWEVER, a negative test result does not mean your drugs are 100% safe. All street drug use comes with risks.

Instructions on using fentanyl test strips with different types of drugs are included in this brochure. **Read these instructions before you begin to test because there are different steps for testing different drugs.**

Also, you must know how to correctly read the test results...

One Red Line = Fentanyl

Two Red Lines = No Fentanyl

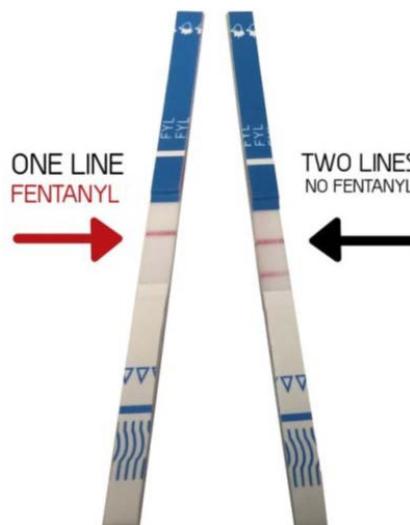
No Lines or One Red Line at the Bottom = The test didn't work!

Instructions for Testing Residue for IV Drug Users

If you inject heroin or other drugs, you should test your drugs every time you inject.

The easiest method is to test the residue from your spoon or cooker:

1. After preparing your shot, set the needle aside and wait to inject.
2. Add about 1 ml (1/4 of a teaspoon) of clean water into the spoon or cooker.
3. Swish the water around inside the spoon or cooker.
4. Hold the blue end of the test strip and insert the other end into the liquid (no higher than the blue line) for about 15 seconds.
5. Set the strip down on a flat surface and wait one to two minutes.
6. Read the results.



Instructions for Testing Cocaine and Other Non-Injected Drugs (Best Method)

1. Place all the drugs you intend to use into a small glass or ceramic cup.
(Crush tablets and crystals into a powder.)
2. Add water
 - **Add 2 teaspoons of water per 100 mg of powder (~10 mg/ml).**
3. Stir thoroughly with a clean spoon.
4. Set the spoon down.
5. Use another spoon to fill the residue spoon with clean water.
6. Hold the blue end of the test strip and insert the other end into the residue liquid in the spoon for 15 seconds.
7. Set the strip down on a flat surface and wait one to two minutes.
8. Read the results.

CAUTION: If you are testing meth or MDMA, add 1 teaspoon of water (~5 ml) for each 10 mg of crystal or powder to avoid a false positive.

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