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Fentanyl test strips (FTS) allow individuals to test their substances for the presence or absence of fentanyl. It's important to know that testing with FTS is not an exact science and there may still be fentanyl present even if the test strip is negative.



Follow some universal safety techniques:

- Test your drugs (you're already doing this! Great job!)
- Go low and slow, you can always do more, but you can't do less.
- Carry Narcan & know when and how to use it!

Try not to use alone. But if you're going to, here are some resources:



Never Use Alone (English) – 800-484-3731
Never Use Alone (Spanish) – 800-928-5330



The Brave App
The Canary App

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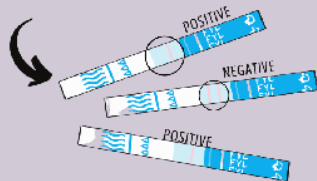
This is the window where your test results will read: it is blank until the test is completed.

This is where you hold the strip.

The wavy end goes into the water. Avoid touching this part with your fingers to prevent contamination.



Reading the results:



**1 LINE
= POSITIVE**

**2 LINES
= NEGATIVE**

Did my test work?

If two lines appear, no matter how faint the lines are, then your substance has tested negative for fentanyl.

If one line closest to the solid blue end appears, your substance has tested positive for fentanyl.

If the window that it reads in is smeared, nothing came up, or just the first line closest to the wavy end appear, then the test was invalid. Just throw out that strip and try another one!

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU SHOOT/INJECT

(IV, skin pop, muscle)



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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Prepare your drugs as you normally would for use
- 2 Draw up your mixed drugs into your syringe

Preparation Next Best Practice

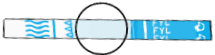
- 1 After you've emptied your substance into your cooker, cap, etc., add water back into the baggie your product came in.

*If you're using more than one substance at a time, you want to test each of the products.

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Steps for Testing: When you inject

- 1 Add water back into your cooker, water bottle cap etc, or the baggie that you emptied your product out of. You can use a blue sterile water bullet and add 3-5ml back into the cooker. If you're going to use a syringe to measure out the water then only go to the 5ml line! It's important that it is a new sterile syringe, or else you may be testing something you're not using!
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.
A diagram of a fentanyl test strip. It is a horizontal strip with a wavy line on the left end, followed by a solid blue line. To the right of the solid blue line is a white rectangular window. Further right is a blue section with the text 'FENTANYL' and a small icon. A circle is drawn around the white window, indicating where to observe the test results.
- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.

**If you're going to test your drugs with any type of test strip, in order to get the most accurate reading, make sure you're using a cooker that's only been used once. If you use a cooker that was previously used you're testing not only the product you're using currently but anything else that was previously in the cooker.*

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU DO PILLS



(Xanax, percs, oxys, etc; these instructions are not the same for Ecstasy or MDMA)



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Preparation Best Practice

- Crush up the entire pill and put it into a cooker, water bottle cap, or something similar.
- If you don't plan on using the entire pill at one time, you can just crush up what you're planning on using.
- Adding water to your drugs will not change the effect the drug will have.

Preparation Next Best Practice: If you don't want to or are unable to crush up the entire pill:

- 1 Break the pill in half, and scrape a little from the middle, and catch the dust that falls when doing it in a cooker or water bottle cap.

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Steps for Testing: Pills

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window. 
- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.
- 4 Once the test is finished, you can just drink the mixture that you created.

Why would you want to test the entire pill?

Fentanyl has a way of sticking to itself, so it may not be evenly distributed across the entire pill. By crushing the whole thing you're testing the entirety of the pill. If you only test a portion of the pill, then you can see whether or not that portion that you tested had fentanyl but not the rest.

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

METH, MDMA, ECSTASY

Drugs like MDMA, Ecstasy, are likely to cause false positives when using FTS, particularly when under diluted (meaning not enough water was added). A false positive is when the test comes back positive but there is no fentanyl present.



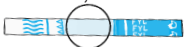
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Preparation Best Practice

- Crush up the entire pill/crystal and put it into a cooker, water bottle cap, or something similar.
- If you don't plan on using the entire pill/crystal at one time, you can just crush up what you're planning on using.
- Put the entirety of the crushed substance into a full water bottle (16 fl oz)

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Steps for Testing: Meth, MDMA, Ecstasy

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window. 
- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.
- 4 Once the test is finished, you can just drink the mixture that you created. Or you can save it for later, all you did was just add water!

Why would you want to test the entire pill?

Fentanyl has a way of sticking to itself, so it may not be evenly distributed across the entire pill. By crushing the whole thing you're testing the entirety of the pill. If you only test a portion of the pill, then you can see whether or not that portion that you tested had fentanyl but not the rest.

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU SNORT

(Powders)



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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Flick or shake the baggie, container, etc. to get the best sampling of everything.
- 2 Transfer the substance into a different new/clean baggie or container.
- 3 Use the original bag and add water, 3-5ml.

Preparation Next Best Practice

- 1 Flick or shake the baggie, container, etc.
- 2 Take a small portion of the drug out, about half the size of a grain of rice, and place it into a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.

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Steps for Testing: Powders

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU SMOKE

(Crack, Rock, Hard)



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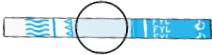
- 1 Take a small portion of the drug out, about half the size of a grain of rice, and place it into a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.
- 2 Crush it up.
- 3 Add in water, 3-5ml.
- 4 Let it sit for about 20 seconds so that the substance is fully soaked.

Preparation Next Best Practice

- 1 Transfer the substance into a different baggie or container.
- 2 Use the original bag and add water, 3-5ml.



Steps for Testing: Crack Cocaine

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.

FENTANYL TESTING STRIP INSTRUCTIONS

IF YOU SMOKE

(Marijuana, Weed, Herb, K2)



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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Flick or shake the baggie, container, etc. to get the best sampling of everything.
- 2 Transfer the substance into a different baggie or container.
- 3 Use the original bag and add water, 3-5ml.

Preparation Next Best Practice

- 1 Flick or shake the baggie, container, etc. to get the best sampling of everything.
- 2 Take a small portion of the drug out, about half the size of a grain of rice, and place it into a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.
- 3 Take a piece of the herb out and add in water, 3-5mg.
- 4 Let it sit for about 20 seconds so that the substance is fully soaked.



Steps for Testing: Herbs

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.

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BLOTTER PAPER



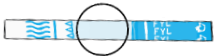
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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Put the blotter paper into a container like a cooker or water bottle cap.
- 2 Take a small portion of the drug out, about half the size of a grain of rice, and place it into a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.
- 3 Take a piece of the herb out and add in water, 3-5mg.



Steps for Testing: Blotter Paper

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.
- 4 Once you can read the results, you can just drink the mixture you created!

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LIQUIDS



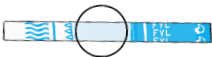
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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Take a little bit of the liquid, half a grain of rice, and add it to a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.



Steps for Testing: Liquids

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.
- 4 Once you can read the results, you can just drink the mixture you created!

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DIPPERS (PCP)



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Preparation Best Practice

- 1 Flick or shake the baggie, container, etc. to get the best sampling of everything.
- 2 Take a small portion of the substance out, about half the size of a grain of rice, and place it into a cooker, water bottle cap, etc.
- 3 Tear off a small section of the dipper, and add in water, 3-5mg.
- 4 Let it sit for about 20 seconds so that the substance is fully soaked.

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Steps for Testing: Dippers (PCP)

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.

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PARAPHERNALIA

You are able to test anything you've used to consume your substance, this includes pipes, cookers, straws, syringes. But you want to make sure that the item your testing has only been used one time! This ensures that you know you're testing the product you've consumed!



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Used Pipes



You can scrape residue from the inside of the pipe into a clean cooker, water bottle cap, etc. and add water.

Used Syringes



You can add water back into the syringe and squirt it out into a clean cooker, water bottle cap, etc.

Used Straws



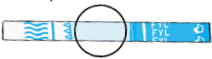
You can swab the inside of the straw with a clean q-tip or something similar. Put the swab into a clean cooker, water bottle cap and add water.

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Steps for Testing: Paraphenalia

- 1 Add 3–5mL of water.
- 2 Place the test strip in the water (the end with the wavy line), do not go above the solid blue line, for 10-15 seconds until you see the water start to rise in the strip window.

- 3 Once you see the water start to rise then pull the strip out of the mixture and lay flat. Test will be ready to read in 1-3 minutes. Do not read the test past 5 minutes.