



# OPIOIDS

WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT DOES, AND WHY IT MATTERS.

Opioids are drugs often prescribed by medical professionals. While they can be helpful, they can also be dangerous when taken incorrectly or illegally.

## Natural Opioids

Made directly from the poppy plant.

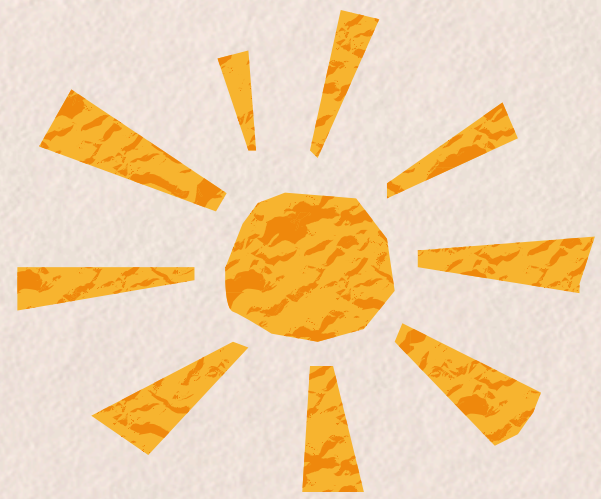
(i.e. Morphine and Codeine)



## Synthetic Opioids

Lab-made opioids using the same chemical structure as natural opioids, but not the natural opioid itself.

(i.e. Fentanyl)



## Semi-synthetic Opioids

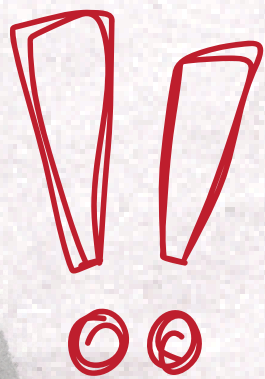
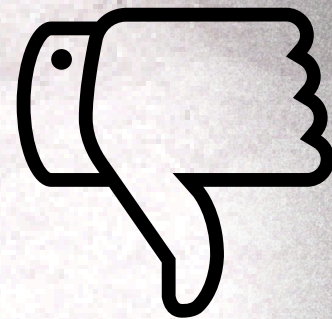
Lab-made opioids created using natural opioids.

(i.e. Heroin and Oxycodone)



# WHAT DOES INCORRECT OPIOID USE LOOK LIKE?

- Taking your prescribed opioids in a way that is not how your doctor told you.
- Taking someone else's prescription medication, or giving your prescription medication to someone else.

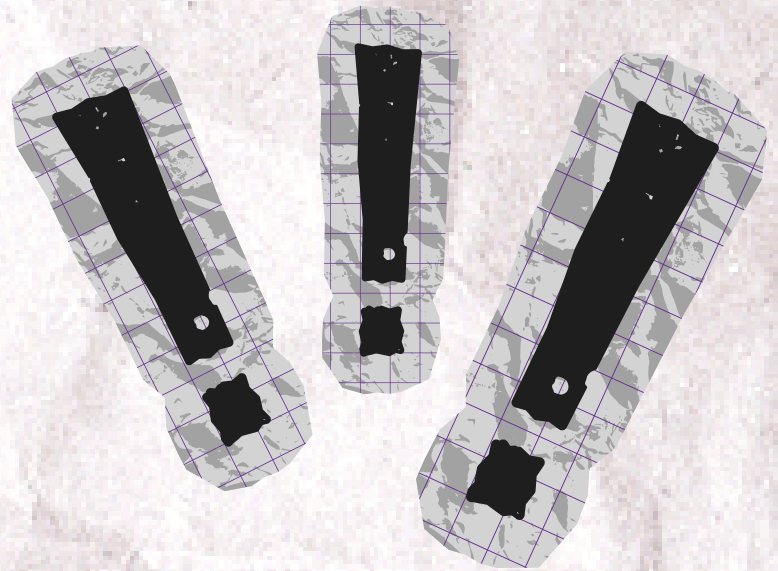


- Getting illicit opioids from non-medical providers to self-medicate or get high.

ONE PILL, CAN KILL!

# FENTANYL

.2 mg = Lethal Dose

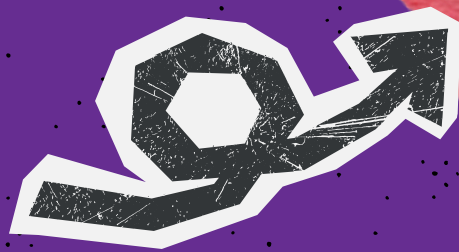


# CARFENTANIL

.02 mg = Lethal Dose

TASTELESS, ODORLESS, AND TOO  
SMALL TO SEE.

NALOXONE IS A  
LIFE SAVING  
MEDICINE USED  
TO REVERSE AN  
OPIOID  
OVERDOSE.



ANYONE CAN  
CARRY IT  
WITHOUT A  
PERSSCRIPTION!

**Naloxone has no effect  
on someone who does  
not have opioids in their  
system.**

**Learn more here:**

**<https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone>**





Staying up to date with  
information regarding  
Opioids will help you keep  
yourself and your  
community safe. Knowledge  
is power!

If you or someone you know is struggling, resources are available:

**Substance Use Disorder 24-Hour Helpline:** (800) 968-2636

**SAMHSA's National Helpline:** [1-800-662-HELP \(4357\)](tel:1-800-662-HELP)

**988 Mental Health Crisis line:** 24/7 Call, text, or chat