

Using a Fentanyl Test Strip for Harm Reduction

Substances are being contaminated with fentanyl in our area. Fentanyl increases your risk of an overdose.

Stay safe: Test before you use, avoid using alone, don't share equipment, have Narcan available, and call 911 in an overdose situation.

The Good Samaritan Law (Ky. Rev. Stat. §218A.133) is an exemption from prosecution for possession of controlled substance or drug paraphernalia if seeking assistance with drug overdose. Please read the full statute for all the details on how this applies.

To test a pill

- 1) Crush up a pill in a baggie, be careful not to rip the bag.
- 2) Mix the powder around and then pour the powder out of the baggie into something else, TEST ONLY THE RESIDUE
- 3) Put about 10 drops of water into the baggie and mix.
- 4) Hold the test strip by the dark blue part and dip into the water for 15 seconds, be careful not to wet past the line.
- 5) Lay flat for 1-2 minutes

One stripe means positive and two means negative.

POSITIVE



NEGATIVE



To test prior to injection

- 1) Either add water to your empty baggie to test or to your cooker. For the cooker: load your first shot, and test your rinse water.
- 2) Hold the test strip by the dark blue part and dip into the water for 15 seconds, be careful not to wet past the line.
- 3) Lay flat for 1-2 minutes

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To test Methamphetamine or MDMA

- 1) To get an accurate result, you will need to dilute a sample of methamphetamine residue with about a half a cup of water. Do not test whole shards, or even pieces of shards, dissolved in only a cooker or small amount of water. If there is fentanyl in the sample, then even in a half a cup of water, the strip will still test positive. If there is no fentanyl in the sample, then that dilution will give you an accurate negative result.
- 2) Hold the test strip by the dark blue part and dip into the water for 15 seconds, be careful not to wet past the line.
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After your use a fentanyl test strip, please take this completely anonymous survey. This helps us get more resources in the area.

