

# Rapid Response Fentanyl Test Strips

Video on how to use the test strips: <https://www.btnx.com/HarmReduction>

These test strips are a harm reduction tool and will indicate the presence of 10 different kinds of fentanyl in a variety of substances: injectable, smoking, sniffing and pill forms. Knowing fentanyl is present in your substance of choice gives you some options... you can choose not to use it, or start with a smaller amount than usual, call a friend to come over to buddy up and have naloxone ready, consume your substances at the Overdose Prevention/Supervised Consumption Site (941 C England Ave) or you can use the lifesaving apps - **Lifeguard app** or **Brave app** – on your phone to ensure that you will get help if you need it.

## Directions for Use

**Injectables:** Use a clean cooker, prepare your shot and load a clean syringe as usual. Put it aside. Then add a bit of water to the residue in your cooker.

Open a strip packet and hold the strip at the top (the solid blue patch) and dip the other end into the liquid, being careful to NOT immerse past the blue line. Hold it there for 15 seconds. Lay the test strip on a non-absorbent surface and wait for the results, which usually appear within 30 seconds. Compare the strip to the readings on the back of the green test strip package. 1 line is positive for fentanyl, 2 lines indicate a negative result.



**Sniffing and Smoking:** Empty the contents of your baggie into another container. Using the baggie you just emptied, add a bit of water and mix it around a bit. Open a strip packet and hold the strip at the top (the solid blue patch) and dip the other end into the liquid, being careful to NOT immerse past the blue line. Hold it there for 15 seconds. Lay the test strip on a non-absorbent surface and wait for the results, which usually appear within 30 seconds. Compare the strip to the readings on the back of the green test strip package. 1 line is positive for fentanyl, 2 lines indicate a negative result.



**Pills:** It is very important to crush up the pills first, because fentanyl binds to itself and clumps together. If the pills are crushed first, this will distribute any fentanyl present and you will get a more accurate reading. Again, add a bit of water to the powdery residue from the mix and follow the same instructions as above. If no fentanyl is present, go ahead and use your substance as you normally would.

## Remember, go slow.

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