



Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services
Child Protective Investigations

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50–100 times more potent than morphine, often lethal with as little as 2 milligrams.

- Over 71,000 Americans died from fentanyl in 2021, an increase of 23 percent from the previous year.
- Over that same period, Texas saw an 89 percent increase in fentanyl-related fatalities, with provisional data showing 1,672 deaths in 2021 as compared to 883 in 2020.

These are steep increases since 2018, when there were 214 fentanyl-related deaths in Texas. Drug traffickers disguise pills that include dangerous fentanyl to look like legitimate prescription drugs, and even candy to target children.



FENTANYL AWARENESS

On September 20, 2022, Governor Abbott charged state agencies to increase efforts to inform Texans of the prevalence and lethality of fentanyl. Child Protective Investigations is coordinating with our state agency partners to raise awareness about the impact of fentanyl in Texas and to provide resources to educate staff, community partners, caregivers, children, and youth. Please join us in the statewide effort to prevent harm from this dangerous drug and its impact on our communities.

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one pill kills | don't make a deadly decision