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DEA Public Safety Alert-One Pill Can Kill

On September 27, 2021, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a [Public Safety Alert](#) to warn the American public of the alarming increase in fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and meth. These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, and often contain deadly doses of fentanyl. DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. This alert does not apply to legitimate pharmaceutical medications prescribed by physicians dispensed by pharmacists.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, last year more than 93,000 people died of overdoses in the United States, marking the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a year. Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in counterfeit pills, is the primary driver of this alarming increase in overdose deaths.

To learn more about this significant public safety threat, visit the DEA's web page <https://admin.dea.gov/alert/sharp-increase-fake-prescription-pills-containing-fentanyl-and-meth> and view the two attachments 'One Pill Can Kill Press Release' and the 'DEA Fact Sheet on Counterfeit Pills'.

We encourage you to please share the press release and the fact sheet with friends, family and members of your community.

- [2021-09-27_OPCK Press Release Final.pdf](#)
 - [Counterfeit Pill Fact Card.pdf](#)

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