

What is carfentanil?

- Carfentanil is a potent and dangerous opioid. It is a form of fentanyl, but 100x stronger. It is 10 000 times stronger than morphine and 4000 times stronger than heroin.

Why is carfentanil so dangerous?

- Carfentanil can be deadly in extremely small amounts. In humans, a dose as small as 20 micrograms, which is less than a grain of salt, is enough to be fatal.
- It was invented for veterinarians to use to sedate large animals such as elephants, and was never intended for human use.
- Street drugs may be purposefully or accidentally contaminated with carfentanil without the individual's knowledge.

How will I know if I am exposed to carfentanil?

- Carfentanil is most commonly white and powdery and can look similar to cocaine or heroine, however it can come in many other forms.
- You cannot see smell or taste carfentanil. There is no way to know if it has been added to substances that may be used.
- It could be found in any drug that is not prescribed to you or comes from somewhere other than a pharmacy.

How can I prevent an overdose?

- If you use, don't use alone and have a Naloxone kit.
- Since carfentanil is so strong, multiple doses of naloxone might be required to revive those who have overdosed.

