

# National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day



**National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day** is observed annually on August 21st to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and promote prevention efforts. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) joins in recognizing this day by educating the public about the risks of fentanyl poisoning from fake pills and other illicit drugs. The day focuses on educating the public, encouraging prevention strategies, and honoring those lost to fentanyl overdoses, with the goal of reducing stigma and preventing further tragedies.

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## The day focuses on several key areas:

### Education and Awareness:

Informing the public about the presence of fentanyl in counterfeit prescription pills and other illicit drugs, and the extreme potency of fentanyl, which can be lethal even in very small amounts.

### Prevention Efforts:

Encouraging communities to take action by implementing prevention strategies, increasing access to treatment and recovery services, and supporting harm reduction initiatives.

### Remembrance and Support:

Honoring the lives lost to fentanyl overdoses and offering support to the families and communities affected by this epidemic.

**For more information on National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day, please visit the DEA's official page at <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>.**