

SPOTTING AND RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE

WHAT TO DO:

- Call 911 immediately
- Administer Naloxone (Narcan) if available
- Place them on their side if unconscious
- Stay with them until help arrives

Naloxone can reverse many opioid overdoses if given quickly

PREVENTION & RECOVERY

Protect Yourself and Others

- Never take a pill not prescribed to you
- Avoid drugs obtained from unknown sources
- Carry Naloxone (Narcan) if available
- Don't use drugs alone
- Talk openly with friends about overdose risks



RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE

If you or someone you know is struggling:

- SAMHSA National Helpline
1-800-662-HELP (4357): Free, confidential, 24/7
- Speak with a doctor or addiction specialist
- Join a recovery or peer support group

Help is available. Recovery is possible.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Synthetic opioids can be far stronger than morphine.
A. True B. False
2. Street drugs may contain unknown substances without the user knowing.
A. True B. False
3. Naloxone (Narcan) can reverse many opioid overdoses if given quickly.
A. True B. False
4. Pills purchased online or from friends are always safe.
A. True B. False
5. Calling 911 is one of the most important steps during a suspected overdose.
A. True B. False

CHLORPHINE AND CYCHLORPHINE



Answers: A. A. B. A. A.

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A HIDDEN THREAT IN THE OPIOID CRISIS

What are CHLORPHINE & CYCHLORPHINE?

Chlorphine and cychlorphine are synthetic opioid compounds that are chemically related to powerful opioid drugs. Like other synthetic opioids, they affect the brain's opioid receptors, which control pain, breathing, and feelings of euphoria.

These substances are not approved medications for public medical use and are often associated with illicit drug markets. Because they are extremely potent and poorly understood, their presence in street drugs can dramatically increase the risk of overdose.

Synthetic opioids can be much stronger than morphine or heroin, meaning even very small amounts can slow or stop breathing.

Many people who are exposed to these substances do not realize they are taking them, because they may be mixed into other drugs or counterfeit pills.

WHEN RISK BECOMES REALITY

- Taking pills not prescribed directly by a doctor
- Using street drugs that may be contaminated with unknown opioids
- Purchasing medications online or through social media
- Assuming a pill is safe because it "looks real"
- Mixing opioids with alcohol, benzodiazepines, or other depressants

Many synthetic opioids are invisible, odorless, and tasteless, making them impossible to detect without laboratory testing.



CHLORPHINE & CYCHLORPHINE FACTS

- Synthetic opioids are a major driver of overdose deaths in the United States
- Even tiny amounts can severely suppress breathing
- Drugs sold on the street may contain multiple unknown substances
- Potency can vary widely from dose to dose
- A person may unknowingly take a life-threatening amount

Because these compounds are not regulated in illegal drug production, there is no reliable dosage control. **ONE PILL CAN KILL.**

SHORT TERM EFFECTS:

Chlorphine and cychlorphine affect the brain's opioid receptors and can quickly slow breathing and alertness.

Possible short-term effects include:

- Extreme drowsiness
- Slowed or difficult breathing
- Nausea or dizziness
- Confusion
- Constricted pupils
- Loss of consciousness or overdose



LONG TERM EFFECTS:

Repeated exposure to powerful synthetic opioids can lead to serious health risks. Possible long-term effects include:

- Dependence and addiction
- Increased tolerance to the drug
- Severe withdrawal symptoms
- Brain and heart complications
- Increased risk of fatal overdose

MARCUS'S STORY

Marcus was a college sophomore who had just finished finals week. Like many students, he was exhausted and stressed. A friend offered him what they said was a prescription pain pill to help him relax.

Marcus had never used drugs before, but he trusted his friend.

The pill looked exactly like a common prescription medication. What Marcus didn't know was that it contained a powerful synthetic opioid similar to chlorphine-type compounds.

Within minutes, Marcus became dizzy and extremely tired. His breathing slowed. His friends thought he had simply fallen asleep.

By the time they realized something was wrong, Marcus was unresponsive.

Paramedics were able to revive him with naloxone, but many people in similar situations are not as fortunate.

A single unknown pill can carry unknown risks.

