

## Types of Fentanyl Test Strips

The BTNX™ fentanyl testing strips 2.0 look similar to the 1.0 version. They can be differentiated by the 2.0 marking on the box as well as the presence of a scoop in strip package.

**This guide refers to the 2.0 version.**



**BTNX Fentanyl Strip 2.0**

There are several types of Fentanyl Test Strips on the market.

Interior Health uses BTNX™ test strips. These strips have been tested and show high sensitivity in detecting traces of fentanyl and some analogues. They cannot detect all types of fentanyl analogues, or carfentanyl when present in a very small amount. They also will not detect other types of opioids, benzodiazepines and other drugs.

These strips can be used to test for fentanyl in a water solution prior to use or in urine up to 3 days after use.

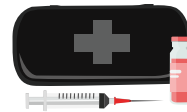
## Tips for staying safe when using Fentanyl Test Strips

Check drugs every time you use. Fentanyl can be unevenly distributed – one sample could be negative and the next sample could be positive.

Try not to use alone, take turns, start with a small amount and go slow. Learn more: [thebraveapp.com](http://thebraveapp.com) [lifeguarddh.com](http://lifeguarddh.com)

Pick up a Take Home Naloxone kit and learn how to recognize and respond to an overdose, including giving breaths.

For more information, visit:  
**[drugchecking.ca](http://drugchecking.ca)**  
**[towardtheheart.com](http://towardtheheart.com)**



Call 9-1-1 if you think someone is overdosing, and stay with them until help arrives.



Use substances at an Overdose Prevention Site or Supervised Consumption Site.



Fentanyl testing strips only check for fentanyl. For more information about what is in your drugs, go to a drug checking site. Find out where at **[drugchecking.ca](http://drugchecking.ca)**

**Stop**  **Guessing.** **Start**  **Checking.**

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# Drug Checking With Fentanyl Test Strips 2.0

A step by step guide

[www.drugchecking.ca](http://www.drugchecking.ca)

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## STEP BY STEP GUIDE

Check drugs before use (where possible).

Fentanyl Test Strips can be used to check any drug, equipment, or baggie residue.

Mixing the contents of your baggie thoroughly will help to detect fentanyl if it is present.

1

Crush your drug into a fine powder and shake your bag well to mix the contents.



2

Put **5 mL** of room temperature tap water (about the amount of one full bottle cap) in a small cup.



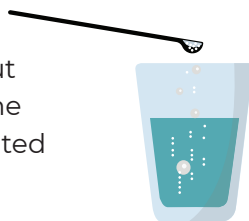
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Open package by notched end and take scoop out.



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Using the scoop, put **one full scoop** of the substance to be tested in the water.



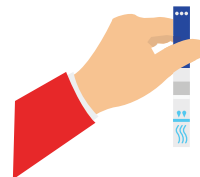
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Stir gently with the scoop.



6

Take strip out of the package holding the test strip by the solid blue end only.



7

Place the strip into the water, ensuring the wavy lines are covered. Be careful not to dip above solid line.

Hold the strip in the water for **about 15 seconds**, or until a red stripe appears. Avoid dipping or stirring motions.



8

Lay the strip on the package and wait **1-2 minutes** for results.



## Interpreting the results

### + POSITIVE TEST

One line closest to the solid blue means **fentanyl detected**.



### - NEGATIVE TEST

Two lines means no fentanyl detected.



### INCONCLUSIVE / INVALID TEST

The top red line (closest to the solid blue) should always show up. If it doesn't, the test is invalid.

Using the strip to stir or dipping it above the solid line may result in an invalid test.



- A negative result does not mean the substance is safe. **Fentanyl Test Strips are not 100% accurate.** Fentanyl is only one of many drugs that can cause an overdose.
- Fentanyl Test Strips only check if fentanyl is present in the small portion tested. They cannot tell how much is present or the strength of the drug.