SAFETY & SECURITY News

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Emerging Synthetic Opioid Threat emerging in Texas

To increase awareness of emerging synthetic opioids and the dangers associated with illicit drugs and counterfeit pills, recent reports have raised concerns about a substance identified as ***cychlorphine*** and the potential risks associated with this synthetic opioid.

The presence of a specific substance in our local communities has not been confirmed but has been reported in the Austin area. The broader threat posed by unknown drug mixtures warrants continued awareness and preparedness as we quickly learned during our Fentanyl crisis.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has warned that cychlorphine is increasingly being found mixed into marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl and counterfeit pills, making detection hard—especially as standard fentanyl test strips have proved ineffective in identifying this new drug.

Recognizing a Possible Overdose

An overdose may initially appear to be intoxication, unusual fatigue, or sudden drowsiness. Symptoms can progress rapidly.

Watch for these warning signs:

- Unusual or extreme sleepiness, inability to stay awake, or unresponsiveness.
- Slow, shallow, irregular, or absent breathing.
- Gasping, choking, or unusual snoring sounds in an unresponsive person.
- Blue, gray, or unusually pale lips or fingernails.
- Pinpoint pupils.
- Limpness or inability to awaken the person through normal verbal or physical stimulation.

Do not assume someone is simply sleeping or intoxicated. If an individual is unresponsive or breathing abnormally, treat the situation as a medical emergency.

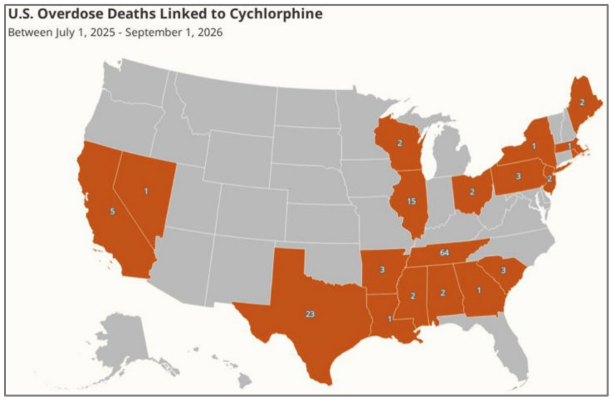
Important Information About Naloxone

Naloxone may reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and can be lifesaving. Experts warn of concerns that this "stronger drug" may require multiple doses of Naloxone to counteract the effects.

A deadly cycle

The rise of cychlorphine comes just as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported a substantial decrease in fentanyl linked overdoses within the last three years. However, it's a familiar cycle. One drug recedes; another takes its place. But experts warn that a drop in deaths linked to one drug does not mean the threat from synthetic opioids has disappeared. **When in doubt, treat the situation as a medical emergency. Call 911.**

Texas experts warn of deadly drug hitting college campuses



Map shows where cychlorphine-related deaths are surging across US

Guess What? It is Mandatory Fire Drill Month!





Remember, **DRILL** with a **PURPOSE!**
Don't ask/tell when (date/time) the drill will occur.
Don't tell what to do.
You are **NOT** training if you give all the details.

- ✓ **PRACTICE** skills you should already have
- ✓ **COMPLIMENT** successes
- ✓ **CORRECT** concens
- ✓ **ADAPT/AMEND** when needed



Why did the turkey join the band?

Because it had drumsticks, of course

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st GAIN an hour!



EMERGENCY EVACUATION EQUIPMENT

Signage has been placed on campus to identify the location of your evacuation chair. It is essential that designated emergency response team members know **where this equipment is located and how to use it properly.**

- **Practice during drills:** Emergency response drills must include practical use of the evacuation chair by designated emergency response team members. Several trained individuals should be identified on the second floor to respond with the equipment.
- **Nurse oversight and evaluation:** Your campus nurse will oversee the drill activity and provide feedback, additional instruction, or recommendations for adjustments as needed.
- **Staff accountability:** The designated emergency response team members must be prepared to perform this responsibility during an actual emergency. The campus nurse should not be considered the primary person responsible for carrying out this task during an emergency.

Evacuation chairs are emergency equipment, and their effectiveness depends on staff familiarity, proper training, and regular practice. Please ensure your campus emergency response team understands its assigned responsibilities and incorporates this equipment into applicable drills.

Remember: Practice and train to respond.



To be prepared against surprise is to be trained. To be prepared for surprise is to be educated.

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