Common street names include:

- Apache
- China Girl
- China Town
- Dance Fever
- Friend
- Goodfellas
- Great Bear
- He-Man
- Jackpot
- King Ivory
- Murder 8
- Tango & Cash

Signs of overdose are similar to those for any opioid overdose:

- Changes in pupil size
- Cold and clammy skin
- Bluish skin
- Respiratory failure
- Coma

Sequential, repeat dosing of naloxone may be required to revive someone who has overdosed on fentanyl. When treating someone you suspect is suffering from a fentanyl overdose, protect yourself from contamination. Wear gloves and a mask when administering Narcan.

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FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to **50 times stronger than heroin** and **100 times stronger than morphine**. It continues to be the primary driver of overdose mortality in Maryland. A dose as small as three grains of rice can be lethal.

In 2013, fentanyl was involved in **8%** of all opioid related fatalities. In 2020, it was involved in **93.1%** of all opioid related fatalities.

Over **150 people die every day** from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Fentanyl can be injected, snorted/sniffed, smoked, taken orally by pill or tablet, and spiked onto blotter paper. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl might come in a pill form and be packaged to look like prescription medications. It might come in powder form and look like heroin.

People may not realize that there is fentanyl mixed with their heroin or other drug products. Drugs may contain deadly levels of fentanyl, and you wouldn't be able to see it, taste it, or smell it. It is nearly impossible to tell if drugs have been laced with fentanyl unless you test your drugs with fentanyl testing strips. Testing strips are inexpensive and can provide results within 5 minutes. They can be the difference between life or death.

Fentanyl is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which **makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous**.

For more information
CDC Fentanyl Informational website: cdc.gov/opioids/basics/fentanyl.html