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## Partners in Crime Prevention: Drug Awareness

On January 15, 2017 Constable Carter Duchesney with the Calgary Police Service presented at our Partners in Crime Prevention workshop on drug awareness, specifically the disturbing trend of Fentanyl. Below are highlights of what we learned from the presentation.

### Where does Fentanyl come from?

The country of China is the largest distributor of the drug known as Fentanyl. It's a potent opioid pain medication that is 50-100 times stronger than morphine. Fentanyl is in powder form which can be pressed into pill form. Fentanyl is most commonly shipped thorough mail services. The power can be processed and mixed with other drug substances, most notably Heroin.

Typically adults between the ages of 30-45 are the most at risk of death. However, 18-30 year olds have the highest number of visits to the hospital.

### Signs of drug abuse:

- Sullen, withdrawn or depressed
- Unusually elated
- Failure to fulfill responsibilities at work or school
- Disappearances or can't account for gaps in time
- Change in relationships with friends or family

### Signs of Fentanyl overdose:

- Slow or no breathing
- Choking or throwing up
- Skin is cold and clammy
- Can't wake them up
- Death

If you encounter someone who you suspect has overdosed the acronym SAVE ME could save a life:

**S**timulate (check for responses)

**A**irways (check and clear)

**V**entilate (1 breath, every 5 seconds)

**E**valuate

**M**uscular Injection (1m of Naloxone if available, Naloxone is a chemical that can briefly inhibit the effect of opioid medication.)

**E**valuate (second dose if needed)

**Always Call 9-11**

## Resources

- **Calgary Police Services – 403-266-1234 or 911**
- **Alberta Health Services – 403-266-2322 (Help Line)**
- **SORCe Resource Hub – 403-248-3300**
- **Calgary John Howard – 403-266-4566 (Resources for crime prevention)**



