

# EAP: DEA Public Safety Alert- One Pill Can Kill



Sisters and Brothers, your IAM EAP Representatives are sharing this information to help keep you better informed about health and safety issues that can affect our members' lives and livelihood.

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On September 27, 2021, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a Public Safety Alert to warn the American public of the alarming increase in fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and meth. These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, and often contain deadly doses of fentanyl. DEA warns that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially lethal. This alert does not apply to legitimate pharmaceutical medications prescribed by physicians dispensed by pharmacists.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, last year more than 93,000 people died of overdoses in the United States, marking the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a year. Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in counterfeit pills, is the primary driver of this alarming increase in overdose deaths.

To learn more about this significant public safety threat, visit the DEA's web page <https://admin.dea.gov/alert/sharp-increase-fake-prescript>

ion-pills-containing-fentanyl-and-meth and view the two attachments 'One Pill Can Kill Press Release' and the 'DEA Fact Sheet on Counterfeit Pills'.

We encourage you to please share the press release and the fact sheet with friends, family and members of your community.

- 2021-09-27\_ OPCK Press Release Final.pdf
- Counterfeit\_Pill\_Fact Card.pdf

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*Original post by the United States Department of Transportation can be found here:*  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOT/bulletins/2f6045e>

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