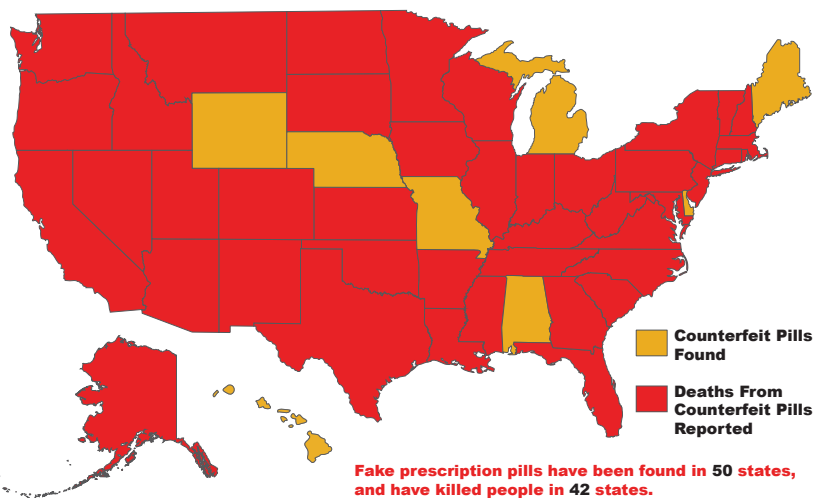
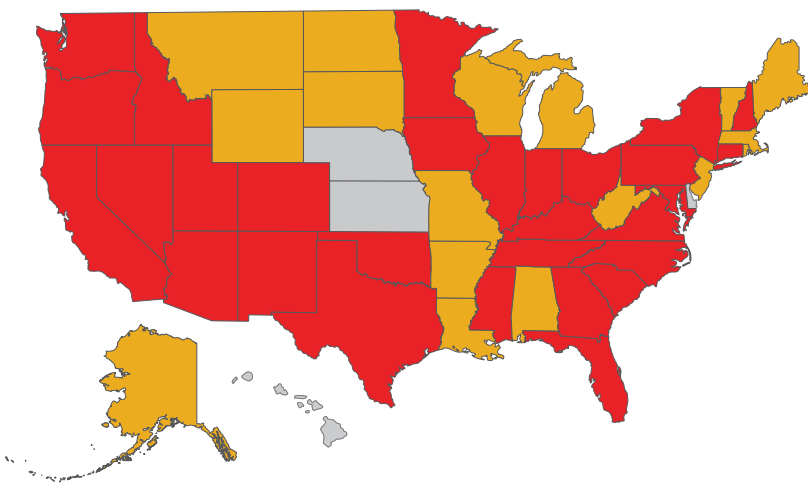


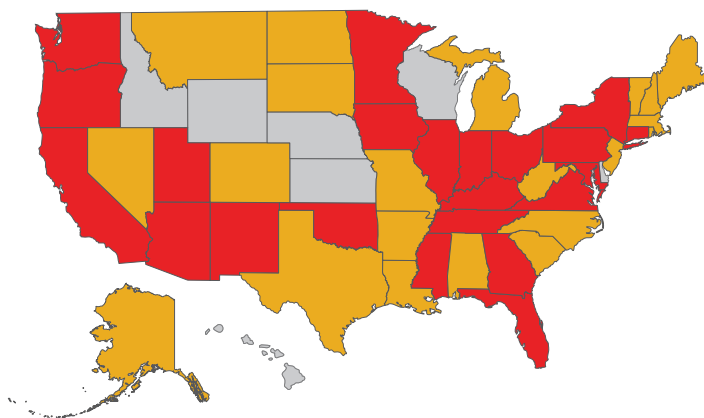
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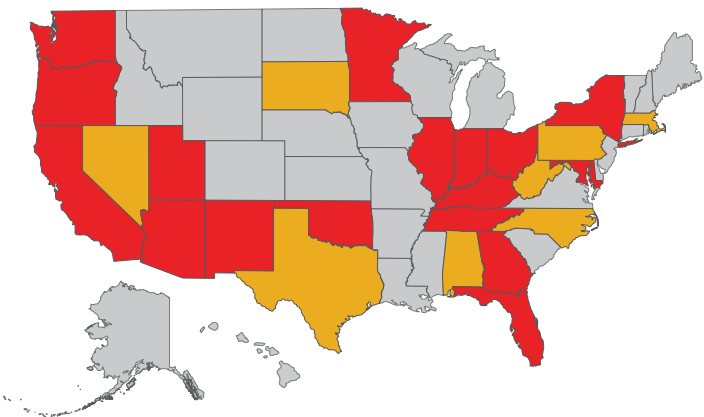
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# ALL 50 STATES HAVE REPORTED DEADLY COUNTERFEIT PILLS MADE WITH FENTANYL

## ● Fake, fentanyl-laced pills have left a trail of bodies in the U.S.

A father-to-be in Georgia.<sup>1</sup> A Californian who took a Xanax when he couldn't sleep.<sup>2</sup> A Peace Corps volunteer staying with his parents in Connecticut.<sup>3</sup> A restaurant manager in Florida who just wanted her back to stop hurting.<sup>4</sup> A Major League Baseball pitcher winding down after a game.<sup>5</sup> Unsuspecting Americans like these have died in 42 states—all because of counterfeit pills made with fentanyl.



## ● Where do these pills come from?

Criminals smuggle cheap, illicitly-manufactured fentanyl powder and fentanyl pills en masse across U.S. borders, but the drug also comes in the mail. A first-class envelope can conceal enough powdered fentanyl that a person with an inexpensive pill press can make over 120,000 deadly fake pills.<sup>6</sup>

## ● How do we stop it?

Educate Americans about the existence of these dangerous counterfeits and oppose efforts to weaken the closed, secure drug supply through importation.

**Only purchase medicine from  
licensed U.S. pharmacies selling  
FDA-approved products.**

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