

Fake drugs have gained ground in Idaho

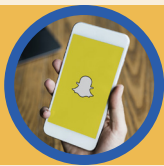


Counterfeit pills made with fentanyl were slow to surface in Idaho, but law enforcement across the state is increasingly concerned about them.

In the first five months of 2021, **five Kootenai County residents died over an eight-day period after taking products spiked with fentanyl**, including fake pills, and police in **Nampa** and the **Lewis Clark Valley** made fentanyl pill seizures. In 2020, residents of **Nampa** and the **Nez Perce Reservation** barely survived **fentanyl poisoning from fake oxycodone**. Law enforcement in **Coeur d'Alene** and **Nampa** first reported seizing the pills in 2019.



Kootenai County, May 2021: five people died from fake prescription pills or other drugs that contained fentanyl.



Nampa, January 2020: A teen nearly died of fentanyl poisoning after taking a counterfeit OxyContin.



Pocatello, January 2019: A man received a two-year sentence for importing and transshipping illegal steroids.

Counterfeit medical products are as available online in Idaho as they are across the U.S.



In 2019, a plastic surgeon in Burley admitted to implanting **illegally imported, non-FDA approved breast implants** in nine patients.



A man in Boise died after ordering pills from a fake online pharmacy that sold him **counterfeit painkillers** in 2017.



Between 2012 and 2016, the FDA warned seven Idaho doctors to stop buying **Botox from unlicensed sellers** that had been caught selling counterfeits.



**Idaho residents deserve safe and effective medicine.
Protect their health by protecting the U.S. secure drug supply chain.**

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FENTANYL AND FENTANYL PILLS:

- May 2021:** The Idaho State Police warned that five Kootenai County residents between the ages of 15 and 60 had died after taking counterfeit prescription pills or other narcotics suspected to be made with fentanyl over an eight-day period.¹
- May 2021:** Coeur d'Alene police issued a warning about North Idaho teenagers suffering fentanyl poisoning after taking counterfeit pills.² Police in Pocatello also warned residents about fentanyl being found in counterfeit pills and other drugs.³
- April 2021:** The Nampa Police Department announced that it made five arrests in the first three months of 2021, seizing 8,000 suspected fentanyl pills and more than 45 pounds of other illicit drugs.⁴
- January 2021:** An Idaho Falls man was arrested for bringing counterfeit oxycodone pills made with fentanyl into Sublette County, Wyoming.⁵
- January 2021:** Law enforcement seized seven-and-one-half grams of fentanyl pills as well as other drugs during a multi-agency operation in the Lewis Clark Valley.⁶
- December 2020:** A sheriff's deputy in Coeur d'Alene found fentanyl pills and other drug paraphernalia in a car during a traffic stop.⁷
- May 2020:** The Nez Perce Tribal Police Department revived two residents who had suffered fentanyl poisoning after taking counterfeit oxycodone pills.⁸
- January 2020:** A Nampa teen narrowly survived fentanyl poisoning after taking a fake Oxycontin he had purchased on Snapchat.⁹ The Nampa Police Department warned that they had seen poisoning cases over a two-day period linked to similar pills.¹⁰
- April 2019:** The Nampa Police Department warned residents to be wary of counterfeit pills after they found counterfeit oxycodone pills made with fentanyl during investigations.¹¹

MISBRANDED AND COUNTERFEIT BOTOX:

- March 2016:** The FDA warned three Idaho doctors and more than 1,200 nationwide to stop buying from Canadian distributor TC Medical, which sold 22 different kinds of non-FDA approved medications, including counterfeit Botox.¹²
- July 2013:** The FDA warned one medical practice in Idaho to stop purchasing fraudulent versions of Botox sold by Online Botox Pharmacy, Onlinebotox.com, and Onlinebotox.¹³
- November 2012:** Three Idaho doctors were among the 350 nationwide that received warning letters indicating that they may have purchased counterfeit versions of Botox from Quality Specialty Products (QSP), a CanadaDrugs subsidiary.¹⁴

OTHER COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS:

- September 2020:** Federal authorities extradited and charged a Dominican citizen who allegedly used a fake pharmacy website to sell controlled substances, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl and counterfeit pills made of other synthetic opioids to Americans. Among the site's customers was an Idaho resident who died after ordering painkillers in 2017.¹⁵ Two conspirators in New Jersey were charged with distributing the counterfeit pills in July 2018.¹⁶
- September 2019:** Temp Ray Patterson, a plastic surgeon from Burley, pleaded guilty in federal court to importing counterfeit breast implants from China and implanting them in nine patients. He also injected patients with counterfeit Botox.¹⁷
- October 2018:** Pocatello resident Travis M. Newbold was convicted by a federal jury of charges related to importing powdered anabolic steroids and transshipping packages for a China-based steroid supplier.¹⁸ Newbold received a four-year sentence in January 2019.¹⁹

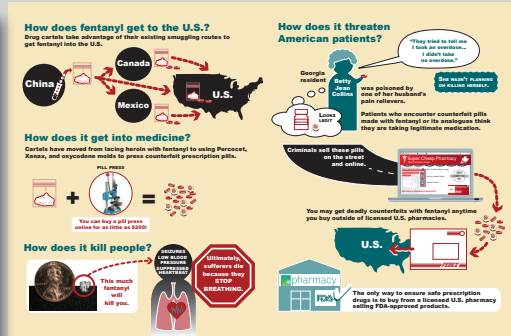
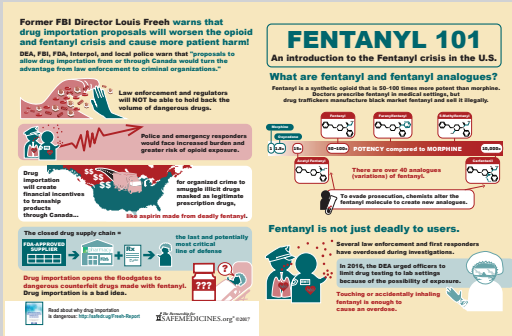
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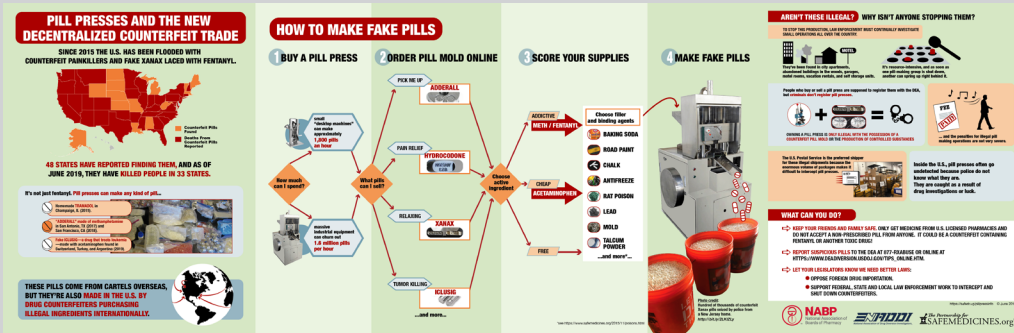
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