How to use a fentanyl test strip

What do I need?

- 1 shot glass, half-filled with water
  You can use any small container. Little ketchup cups work well!
  Whatever container you use, only use about a half (1/2) a shot glass of water (15mL).
  If you are testing a stimulant (like meth, cocaine, or MDMA) use a full shot glass of water instead.

- fentanyl test strip
- very small amount of powder to test
  about the size of a match head or half a grain of rice

How do I use the strip?

1. Put the powder in the glass of water and swirl it until it is completely dissolved.
   (If you want to test something that isn’t a powder, crush it first.)

2. Hold the solid blue end of the test strip and dip the other end in the water.

3. Hold the strip in the water for about ten seconds.
   You will know it’s ready because the water will be sucked up into the white part of the strip.

4. Take the strip out of the water and wait sixty (60) seconds.

5. Use a bright light to look at the strip and count how many red lines there are. Even very light red lines count!

   - TWO (2) red lines mean...
   - ONE (1) red line mean...

   NO, there is no fentanyl

   YES, there is fentanyl

No drug is completely safe. Make sure someone is with you who can give naloxone (Narcan) or call for help if you need it.

6. Make sure you check the strip within ten minutes of doing the test. Throw the strip away when you are done.

If you want to know more about what’s in your drugs, Chicago Recovery Alliance can help. Email drugchecking@anypositivechange.org or call 312-953-3797 for more information.