



The Dangers of Carfentanil: The Street Drug Causing Mass Overdoses

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Carfentanil is a new street drug. Many have never even heard of it, but it's causing a mass outbreak of overdoses throughout the United States. What are the dangers of carfentanil? What is in this deadly new drug? Why is it so dangerous?

Carfentanil is a [synthetic opioid](#), also known as a fentanyl analog. However, it is considered to be roughly 100 times more potent than [fentanyl](#) and 10,000 times more potent than morphine¹. In short, it is staggeringly potent and extremely dangerous. Not intended for human use, it was created to tranquilize elephants and other large mammals³.

What Are the Dangers of (938) 666-1632 Carfentanil?

Because this drug was not designed for human use, there is a paucity of specific human

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overdoses of carfentanil, to protect themselves from accidentally ingesting or absorbing even the smallest amounts². Contact of even a miniscule amount with the skin can be fatal.

Unlike other opiates, carfentanil is described in terms of its overdose dangers, not its addiction properties. After all, you cannot get addicted to a substance that can easily lead to death at such a small dose. Carfentanil binds rapidly to the brain's opioid receptors, completely overturning the brain's chemistry and leading to overdose symptoms almost instantly⁵. According to O'Donnel, Gladden, Mattson & Kariisa: From July 2016 to June 2017, there were a recorded 11,045 opioid overdose deaths in America³. Of these, 2,275 (20.6%) of the deceased tested positive for fentanyl analogs, and 1,236 (11.2%) tested positive for carfentanil. During this period, deaths with detected carfentanil increased by 94%.

Even for those with a tolerance to strong narcotics like heroin or fentanyl, a dose of carfentanil the size of a grain of salt can rapidly trigger overdose and death. The danger of this drug, **even in small amounts**, cannot be over-stated.

Quantifying Carfentanil's Deadly Potency

According to an article by Warner for NBC New York⁵:

- In 2002, Russian authorities used a weaponized chemical gas containing a single dose of carfentanil to end a hostage crisis. One dose killed 170 people, including the hostages.
- In Yellowstone, The Buffalo Field campaign warns people not to eat the meat of bison that were sedated with carfentanil, because it can enter the human body and cause a deadly overdose.

The Dangers of Carfentanil on a Street Level

The most frightening aspect of carfentanil is the fact that dealers are mixing it with heroin and selling it on the streets, unbeknownst to their customers⁴. They do this to increase the potency and supply of their arsenal of drugs.

Addicts may think they are only using heroin, a drug dangerous enough on its own, when in fact they are unknowingly injecting or snorting a lethal combination of heroin laced with carfentanil. This increases the chances of a fatal overdose exponentially. With carfentanil now on the streets, heroin users are unable to be sure of what substances they are actually taking. Essentially, they are playing Russian roulette with a needle.

It may increase the dealer's profits, but sadly risks lives. Carfentanil comes in an odorless white powder or clear liquid form and therefore looks like any other street drug, making it impossible for the naked eye to detect¹. This emergence of carfentanil in the supply of heroin has drastically increased the number of deadly overdoses, rapidly adding to the body count of the already tragic, ongoing opioid epidemic.

Contact your nearest treatment center for professional advice and assistance if you believe yourself or someone you love is at risk of carfentanil overdose.

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