



Emerging Drug Trends – Public Safety Alert

A new synthetic opioid called Cychlorphine has been identified within SC. This new synthetic opioid is made within a laboratory and has been found to be 10 times more powerful than fentanyl.

Fentanyl is the leading cause of drug overdose death within the United States, so having a substance identified within SC that is 10 times more powerful is a major safety concern to the public.

Cychlorphine only has to be consumed in very small amounts to have drastic effects. For reference, a head of a pencil covered in fentanyl can result in an overdose. Cychlorphine, being 10 times more potent than fentanyl, would require even less to result in an overdose.



Cychlorphine is typically found in illegally manufactured pills or powders. This substance is not normally found on its own due to its potency. Individuals prescribed medications from a physician that are acquired from a pharmacy are not at risk of being exposed to Cychlorphine. Take the following precautions outlined by the SC Attorney General to protect yourself and your family:

- Avoid any unknown or illicit substances
- Parents: talk to your children about the dangers of synthetic drugs and the reality that a single exposure could be fatal
- Report suspicious activity to local law enforcement
- Seek help immediately if you or someone you know is struggling with substance abuse

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use and needs help, contact our Opioid Risk Coordinator Sam Garrison, sgarrison@mauldinfire.com.