

EMERGENCY ITEM: FIGHT THE FENTANYL CRISIS

Fentanyl is the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 18-45. The Biden Administration continues turning a blind eye to the overwhelming amount of this deadly drug pouring across our southern border.

Governor Greg Abbott has taken unprecedented action to protect our communities from deadly fentanyl, including:

- Signed a law enhancing penalties for the manufacturing and distribution of fentanyl (87R SB 768)
- Designated Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations to keep Texans safe amid the growing national fentanyl crisis (September 2022)
- Directed state agency leaders to ramp up efforts to respond to the fentanyl crisis (September 2022)
- Launched the statewide “One Pill Kills” campaign to raise awareness of the deadly fentanyl plaguing Texas and the United States (October 2022)

Through Governor Abbott’s Operation Lone Star, Texas has seized enough lethal doses of fentanyl to kill every man, woman, and child in the United States.

Fentanyl remains the single deadliest drug threat the state of Texas and our country has ever encountered, killing four Texans every day. Last year, 17-year-old Danica Kaprosy from San Antonio lost her life because she took a sleeping pill that, unknown to her, was laced with deadly fentanyl. Danica’s heartbreaking story is one of too many others across our state.

In the fight against fentanyl, Governor Abbott has made addressing the fentanyl crisis an emergency item for the 88th legislative session. To continue combatting the growing fentanyl crisis plaguing our state and the nation, the Governor will work with the Texas Legislature to:

- Classify fentanyl “overdoses” as poisonings
- Prosecute an individual for murder if they distribute fentanyl or drugs laced with fentanyl that kill someone
- Increase the supply of lifesaving NARCAN and make it more readily available to Texans exposed to fentanyl across the state

