# OVERDOSE RESPONSE CENTER

## Regional Awareness Message

#2026-07

The ORC is providing the following message for informational and situational awareness only.

No additional action is being requested.

A bordering jurisdiction in our region (Cecil County, MD) recently reported confirmed instances of carfentanil in their illicit drug supply.

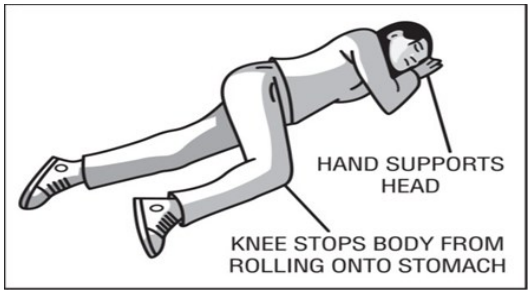
Based on data reviewed and maintained by the ORC, detection of carfentanil in Delaware has remained low, but has been increasingly detected in our region.
The ORC currently has **no reports** in Delaware related to this incident.

Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid 10-100 times more potent than fentanyl. **Standard/Universal precautions are effective** and should be practiced in any overdose situation, including carfentanil.

The ORC is recommending continued vigilance with the use of universal precautions, and continued observation/reporting of relevant street or field intelligence to the ORC Duty Officer (302-657-9073).

### What to do in an overdose with carfentanil

- Use universal precautions (avoid direct contact with any substance/scene safety).
- Call 9-1-1 and stay with the person until EMS arrives.
- Administer naloxone (Narcan), by following the same response steps as normal for an opioid overdose.
- Remember, the purpose of naloxone is only to restore normal breathing. Repeat/additional doses may be necessary for overdose reversal.
- If the person is breathing, but unconscious, place them in the recovery position and continue to monitor their breathing until help arrives.




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