TIPS FOR SAFER USE

Empower yourself and the people you care about. Learn what you can do to reduce the risk - and increase the benefits - associated with substance use.

- Know where what you're using came from. Ask questions.
- Don't use alone. Use with someone you trust.
- Use in a safe place, like at home or at a safe consumption site.
- Take control of what you use, how much you use, and how you use it.
- Learn how to test powders and pressed pills for fentanyl.
- Start with a small amount. Start Low. Go slow.
- Rest, stay hydrated, eat healthy.

If you are smoking with a glass pipe, please remember:

- Use your own mouthpiece or pipe to prevent infections.
- Keep particles out of your lungs. **Put filters in place** with a wooden pusher.
- Use PYREX® (borosylicate) pipes and a reliable heat source.
- Drink water, use lip balm, and chew gum to keep your mouth and lips moist and to help prevent cracks or blisters.

If you are snorting, please remember:

- Look at your drugs. Do they smell, feel, and taste like they should?
- Snort off of a fresh, clean surface.
- Use a clean, new, disposable straw or spoon don't share.
- Rinse your nostrils. If they get irritated use lip balm or vitamin E oil.

If you are injecting, please remember:

- When possible, learn how to safely inject on your own so you don't have to depend on someone else to inject you.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20+ seconds.
- Clean the skin before every injection.
- Use clean, sterile water, a cotton filter, and a disposable cooker.
- If you need to dissolve your drugs, use as little acid (vitamin C) as possible.
- Use a new syringe for each injection.
- Use your own equipment. Don't share.
- Put used syringes in a thick, plastic sharps container.

Always store your substances and equipment safely and securely away from children.

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