

What to do if you accidentally touch fentanyl

Fentanyl is not easily absorbed by skin. There is no risk of overdose from accidentally touching fentanyl.

- In BC, there are no confirmed overdoses from anyone touching fentanyl
- There have been widespread unfounded reports in the media on the risks of touching fentanyl

If you touch any unknown substance:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid using hand sanitizer to clean your hands. Alcohol can increase how much of a substance gets through the skin.

More information can be found in the [position statement from the American College of Medical Toxicology \(ACMT\) and American Academy of Clinical Toxicology \(AACT\)](#)



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