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The drug overdose crisis is a clear and present **public safety, public health, and national security threat.**

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HEALTH

## **'Don't do it': Increase in overdose deaths prompts DEA warning about fake pills**

North Idaho teenagers overdosing on fentanyl as counterfeit pills circulate

## **OPD releases image of dangerous counterfeit pills circulating in the metro**

Counterfeit Oxycodone linked to several deaths

Counterfeit fentanyl pills spark cluster of overdoses in Georgia

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**Drug overdoses skyrocket in Washington state amid COVID-19 pandemic**



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## Overdose Deaths



**> 107,000**

**Drug overdose deaths over  
the last year**

**67%** involved synthetic opioids,  
primarily fentanyl

**31%** involved psychostimulants,  
primarily methamphetamine

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





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The record quantities of fentanyl that DEA seized in 2022 are enough to **kill every American.**



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Potentially Lethal  
Dose of Fentanyl



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## PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT

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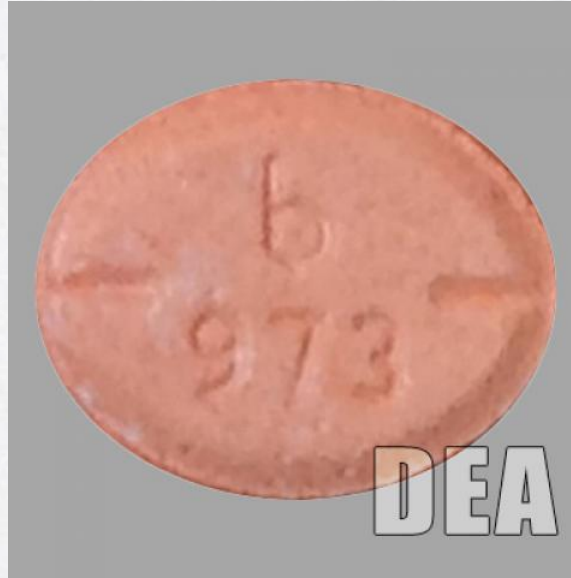


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## Most Common Fake Pills



Oxycontin<sup>®</sup>



Adderall<sup>®</sup>



Xanax<sup>®</sup>

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## Authentic Oxycodone



## Fake Oxycodone



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## Authentic Xanax

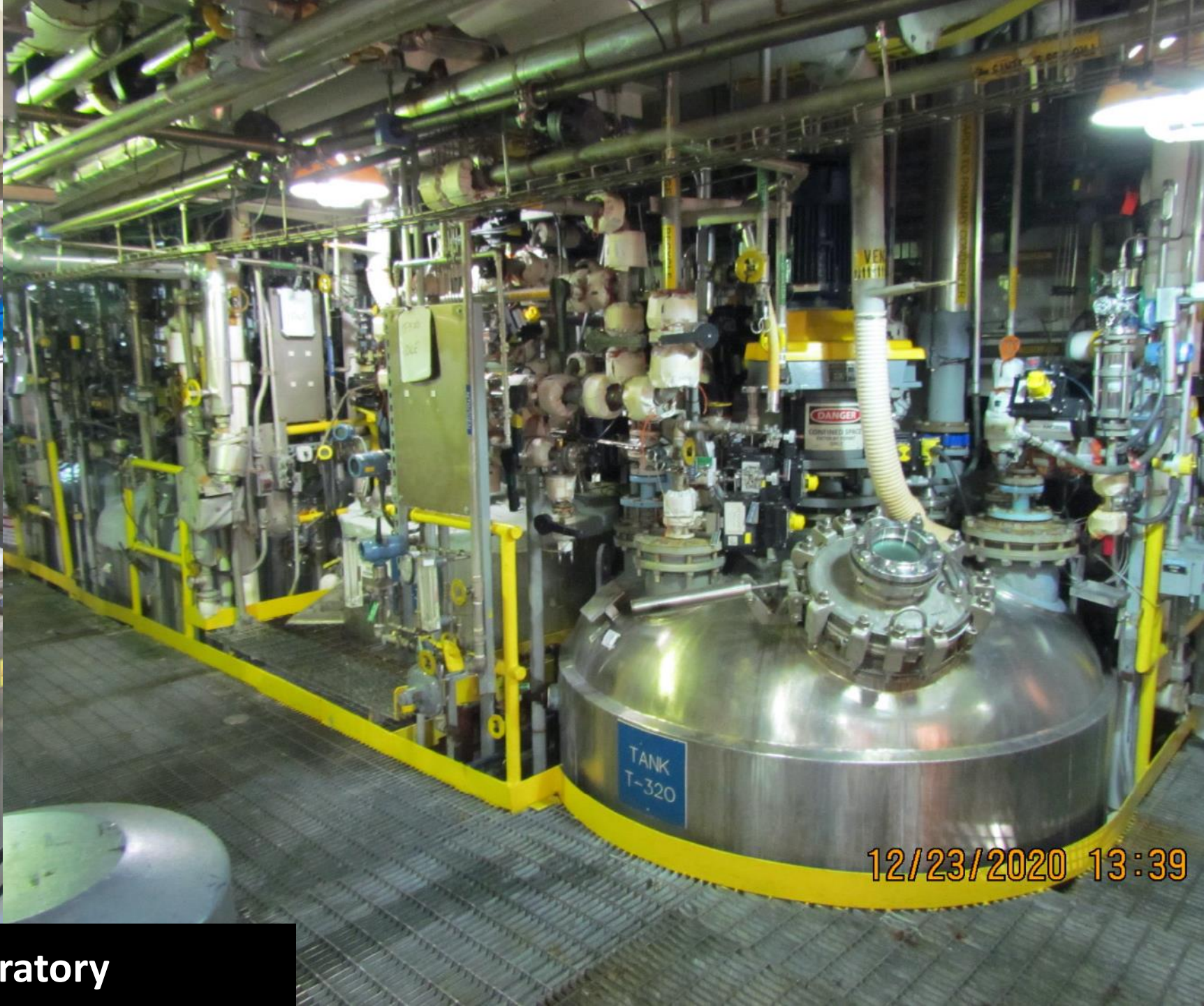
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## Fake Xanax



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Medical grade fentanyl laboratory





Illicit fentanyl laboratory



## LETHAL DOSES OF FENTANYL FOUND IN FAKE PILLS

DEA reports a **dramatic rise** in the number of **fake pills containing at least 2mg of fentanyl** – what is considered a lethal dose



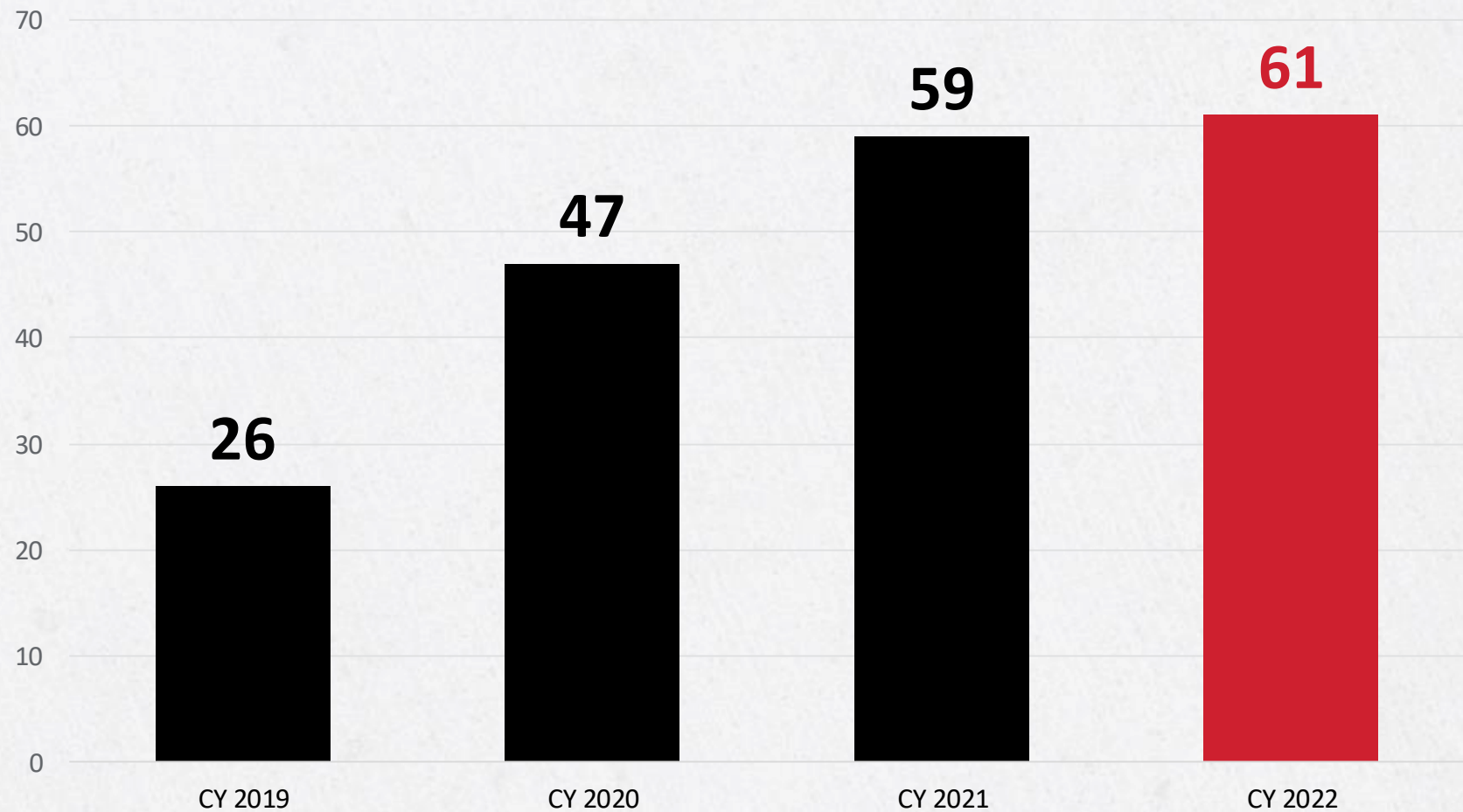
POTENTIALLY LETHAL

Today **6 out of ten DEA-tested pills** with fentanyl contain a potentially lethal dose.



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## Percentage of Tablets Containing 2 mg or More of Fentanyl CY 2019–CY 2022



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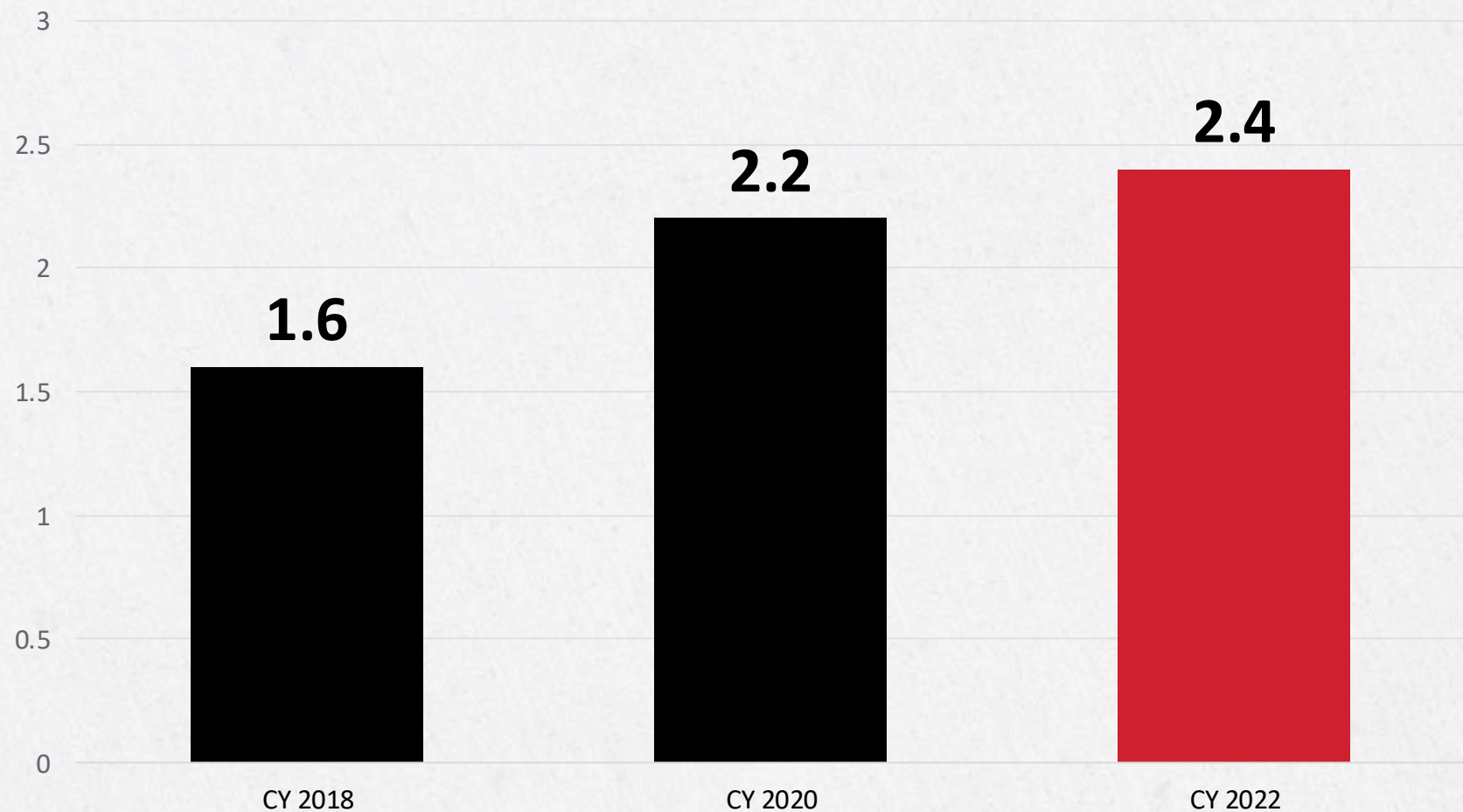
Source: DEA Advanced Information on Drugs Dashboard, November 2022





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## Average Fentanyl Dose in Tablets (mg/tablet) CY 2018–CY 2022



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## Additional Threat: Access

Fake Rx pills are easily accessible & often sold on social media & e-commerce platforms; available to anyone with a smartphone.

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## Popular Emoji Drug Codes

| Oxycodone



| Xanax®



| Percocet®



| Adderall®



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Monitoring for suspicious text messages on social media or cash app posts could spark an important, and potentially life-saving, conversation.

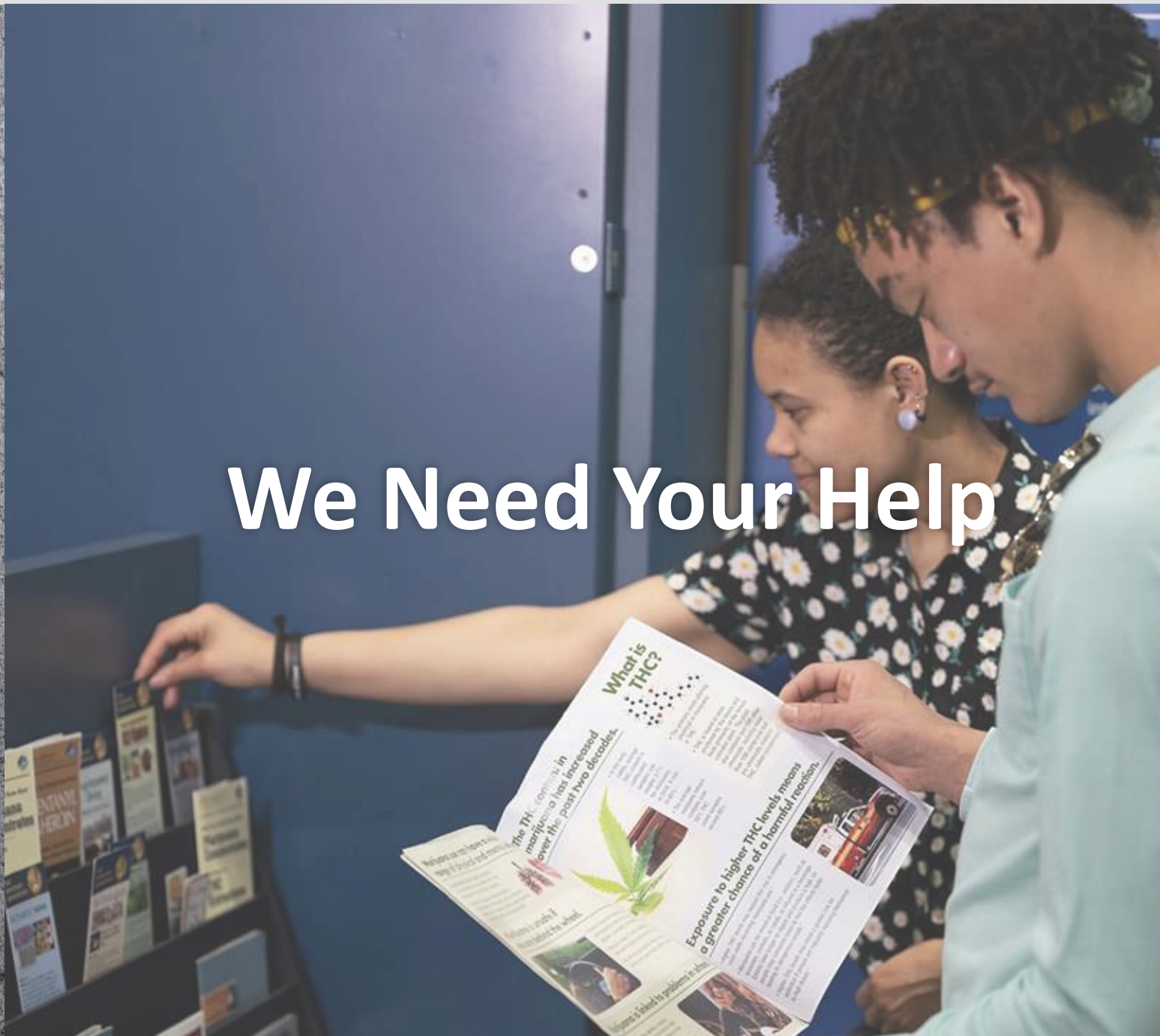
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We Need Your Help







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## Awareness Campaign

**Know the dangers and accessibility  
of deadly  
drugs online.**

- Never take medicine that wasn't prescribed to you by your own doctor.
- Talk to your family and friends about the danger of buying drugs online.
- Spread the word that **One Pill Can Kill**.

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