

# CARFENTANIL

Carfentanil is an animal tranquilizer that has been used safely by many veterinarians treating very large animals such as horses, elephants, and other zoo animals. The synthetic opioid is 100 times more powerful than fentanyl and can be absorbed through air and skin contact. Because carfentanil can be absorbed through air and skin contact, people are urged to exercise extreme caution to avoid exposure.

Please follow these guidelines:



**Don't go in, call 911.**



**If you have to go in, don't touch.**



**If you touch, wear gloves.**

First responders and residents potentially exposed to carfentanil should review the following recommendations:

## 1. CALL 911

If you believe someone has overdosed, call 911 immediately.

## 2. STAY SAFE

Perform a risk assessment before you even enter a scene. If you feel unsafe, do not enter the area. Call 911 immediately.

**IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY**

*Call* **911**



**Wear gloves**

## 3. PROTECT YOURSELF

If you enter an area where you believe a synthetic opioid has been used, take appropriate precautions by wearing gloves, a face mask, and eye protection.

## 4. DON'T TOUCH

Never touch substances or items that look suspicious, such as vials, exposed needles, or powders. Additional materials may be added to carfentanil to make it look like cocaine or heroin.



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## How To Remove Gloves

To protect yourself, use the following steps:



Source: [www.globus.co.uk/how-to-safely-remove-disposable-gloves#.WQd\\_SxPyu70](http://www.globus.co.uk/how-to-safely-remove-disposable-gloves#.WQd_SxPyu70)

## Signs of an Overdose

- Not responsive/can't wake up
- Breathing is slow or stopped
- Body is limp
- Pulse is slow or stopped
- Blue/dark purple appearance
- Snore-like gurgling noise

## NH STATEWIDE ADDICTION CRISIS LINE

If you or someone you know is experiencing a substance use or an addiction-related crisis

**1.844.711.HELP (4357)**

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