



# PREVENT THE ILLICIT USE OF CHEMICALS



**Call 1-855 TELL FBI to report suspicious activity**

The illicit use of chemicals and other materials could be associated with the production or distribution of fentanyl and its analogues. Your local FBI field office can provide training and materials to identify suspicious purchases or activity. Contact your local field office for more information.

## Fentanyl Chemical Precursors & Materials

Ammonium Hydroxide  
Aniline  
4-ANBP/4-ANPP  
4-anilinopiperidine  
1-Benzyl-4-piperidone  
Benzylfentanyl  
DIPEA (Diisopropylethylamine)  
Hydrochloric Acid  
Isopropanolic-HCl

MeOH (Methanol)  
Methylene Chloride  
Norfentanyl  
NPP (N-phenethyl-4-piperidone)  
Pd/C (Palladium on carbon)  
Phenethyl Bromide/Chloride  
Piperidone  
Propionyl chloride  
STAB (Sodium triacetoxyborohydride)

Production Equipment  
Mixers  
Grinders  
Air purifiers  
Scales  
Packaging equipment  
Pill punches, stamps, or dies  
Pill press/tableting machines

\*Note: This list of chemicals and materials is not all-inclusive

### OBSERVE

- Nervous or evasive customer attitude
- Vague knowledge of a product's proper use
- Unusual product quantities; illogical for intended use
- Refusal to purchase or utilize recommended substitutes
- Use of a credit card in someone else's name, cash or other non-traditional forms of payment
- Reluctance or unwillingness to produce valid ID

### REPORT

- Know what quantities are usual for purchases
- Know your customers
- Check your inventory and report missing or stolen products
- Ask for customer I.D. and maintain a log of large purchases
- Report suspicious or unusual purchases to authorities
- Notify your local FBI WMD Coordinator, local law enforcement OR 1-855 TELL FBI (1-855-835-5324) OR <https://tips.fbi.gov>
- **If its an emergency, dial 911**

### DESCRIBE

- Who did you observe?
- What did you see? Be specific.
- Where did you see it?
- When did you see it?
- Why is it suspicious?
- **DO NOT jeopardize your safety or the safety of others!**

Each indicator is by itself lawful conduct or behavior and may also constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. In addition, there may be a wholly innocent explanation for conduct or behavior that appears suspicious in nature. For this reason, no single indicator should be the sole basis for law enforcement action. The totality of behavioral indicators and other relevant circumstances should be evaluated when considering any law enforcement response or action.