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What is the Darknet?

The darknet is a small portion of the Deep Web accessed through specialized browsers that encrypt information and provide the user anonymity. This deceives people into thinking that there are no consequences for using Darknet market sites where illicit products can be purchased.

Why Do People Purchase Drugs on the Darknet?

Darknet markets offer online distribution of many illicit substances where buyers and sellers can complete transactions that appear to be concealed.

Upon absence of a prescription to obtain substances like opioids, many resort to other methods such as street vendors and internet sources like the darknet.

The markets mimic legitimate e-commerce sites and are used to sell and buy controlled substances, including counterfeit drugs.

136 people die every day from opioid overdose. According to a study commissioned by the National Institute of Health, veterans are **TWICE** as likely to die from an accidental overdose compared to the general population.

From **2018-2020**
Opioid Overdose Deaths
 Increased by
51%

DRUGS IN DISGUISE



Two pills can look nearly **identical**, yet one is **lethal**.

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES YOU ARE RECEIVING THE PRODUCT YOU INTEND TO PURCHASE.

Drugs purchased via the darknet are often laced with other substances in dangerous combinations that can lead to death.

Fentanyl is one of the most prevalent drugs identified in law enforcement reporting. It is a **powerful and dangerous** synthetic opioid present in many street drugs because of its low cost and producibility. Many illicit drugs sold online contain trace amounts of **lethal substances** like fentanyl. Fentanyl is a leading cause of accidental **overdose** because of its strength and potency compared to other substances.



Lethal Doses of Common Opioids

40%
 of Pills
 Have a
Lethal Dose
 of Fentanyl

Fentanyl is 50x more potent than heroin, and it only takes a small amount to cause catastrophic damage.

International, federal, state, and local law enforcement work collectively to infiltrate marketplaces, identify users, and combat the illicit drug threat. Agencies work in conjunction and use a variety of tools to identify and prosecute military personnel engaging in illicit activities via the darknet.

WHY IS THE DARKNET A HIDDEN DANGER ZONE?

"It only takes a little to lose a lot."

WORLD

U.S. Navy Sailors Plead Guilty to Being Part of Drug Ring Aboard Aircraft Carrier Stationed in Japan

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Two Former Camp Lejeune Marines Sentenced to Federal Prison for Distributing Oxycodone and Fentanyl Linked to Fellow Marine's Death

The military has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy regarding drug use. A positive drug test or being caught in possession of illicit substances is a punishable offense under UCMJ Article 112a (Wrongful use, possession of controlled substance) and can result in a dishonorable discharge and the loss of government benefits/services.

You will be held accountable for all drug use and possession. You are not only endangering yourself, but your family and others around you.

Minimum Mandatory Sentences Based on Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances

Controlled Dangerous Substance	5-Year Mandatory Minimum	10-Year Mandatory Minimum
Fentanyl	40 g (mix) 10 g (mix w/ derivative)	400 g (mix) 100 g (mix w/ derivative)
LSD	1 g	10 g
Heroin	100 g	1 kilo
Methamphetamine	5 g	50 g
PCP	10 g	100 g
Crack Cocaine	28 g	280 g
Powder Cocaine	500 g	5 kilos
Marijuana	100 kilos/plants	1,000 kilos/plants