



DEA Works with Chemical Handlers, Shipping Companies to Keep Fentanyl out of the United States

Earlier this year, DEA found that a North Carolina-based shipping and logistics company allegedly shipped chemicals from several Chinese companies to several locations in Texas. DEA seized five packages containing chemicals known to be used in the production of fentanyl. The company paid \$400,000 to settle [allegations](#).

As a result, DEA launched Project Sage Advice, an initiative to educate shipping companies and custom brokers, those who file import documents, of current trends, and provide guidance on knowing their customer. DEA investigators have met with and/or reached out to approximately 520 logistical firms in Texas. This outreach and communication with the shipping industry is key to preventing pre-cursor chemicals used for licit use from entering the country.



New Act Signed into Law Classifies Fentanyl-Related Substances as Schedule I

The Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act (HALT Fentanyl Act), signed into law July 16, 2025, classified fentanyl-related substances (FRS) as Schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Prior to HALT Fentanyl Act, fentanyl-related substances could only be controlled on a substance-by-substance basis.



This scheduling removes the incentive for foreign terrorist organizations and cartels to continually create new synthetic, fentanyl-like compounds to evade the reach of the CSA. Under the HALT Fentanyl Act, anyone who possesses, imports, distributes, or manufactures any illicit FRS will be subject to criminal prosecution in the same manner as any other Schedule I controlled substance. Read the [HALT Fentanyl Act](#).

DEA Revokes Doctor's Authority to Prescribe Controlled Substances after Overprescribing Opioid Painkillers to Elderly Patients

A Florida doctor allegedly put his patients at risk by falling below the standard of care in treating his patients.

To protect the public from imminent harm, DEA issued an [Order to Show Cause and Immediate Suspension Order](#) to revoke his DEA registration, which prohibits him from prescribing controlled substances.

Allegations include prescribing high doses of opioids despite signs of abuse and the diversion of controlled substances, as evidenced by patients' repeated abnormal drug tests. DEA discovered this through a review of his prescribing practices and patients' medical records.

In the last month, DEA charged 13 additional administrative cases seeking the revocation of pharmacies, medical practitioners, and companies' authority to handle and/or prescribe controlled substances.

Drop Off Unneeded Medications Year-Round



Help DEA prevent drug misuse before it starts and rid medicine cabinets of unused, unwanted medications year-round at one of the nearly 17,000 collection sites around the country.

There is no need to wait for the next Take Back Day. Find a [collection site](#) near you and learn more about the [Every Day is Take Back Day campaign](#).

Diversion Control Division Enforcement

DEA's **Diversion Control Division** strives to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals from legitimate sources.

When the safety and health of the American people is in jeopardy, DEA takes action against those who violate the law.



Harrison County Doctor Sentenced for Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances

July 31, 2025

Attorney General Mayes Announces Conviction of Tucson Psychiatrist for Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse, and Fraud

July 14, 2025

Gastonia Pharmacist Sentenced to Prison for Illegal Distribution of Oxycodone

July 9, 2025

UW Medicine Resident Physician at Seattle Children's Hospital Charged for Diverting Fentanyl

July 1, 2025



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