

# BENZOCAINE

CUTTING AGENT

## .....WHAT IS IT?

Benzocaine is a local anesthetic and pain relief medication. It is the active ingredient in Orajel, and is found in topical pain ointments & cough drops. Dentists use it for numbing.

## CUTTING AGENT IN:

Primarily found to be cut into cocaine since it gives a numbing effect – much like cocaine gives when snorted. It comes in a white powder so it is easily cut and mixed into other drugs.

## WHAT WILL IT DO?

It narrows blood vessels to reduce sensation of pain – overuse can lead to tissue damage or blood disorders that can cause organ damage. Can lead to neurologic problems when abused.



## CAN I OVERDOSE ON BENZOCAINE?

**NOT EXACTLY!** You cannot overdose on benzocaine alone, but you could OD on what it is cut into. It is dangerous to consume regularly.

## TIPS:

- **Get your drugs tested! Start with a small amount!**
- **Do not use alone, if you are alone you can download the Lifeguard App**
- **Try to rouse the client & Call 911(administer Naloxone as it may also contain opiates)**