

Floyd Against Drugs

Current Drug Hazards | Nov 2025



Our mission is to mobilize the entire community to reduce the use of drugs, tobacco and underage drinking in Rome and Floyd County. FAD collaborates with local agencies to provide prevention education on substance use and abuse to parents and other community members.

Stay informed. Stay safe. Because Awareness is the Strongest Defense.

What's Happening @ FAD

Local Statistics

Year-to-date Floyd County data reflects a total of 208 adult arrests, compared to 217 last year. Felony charges reached 463 and misdemeanor totaled 149, resulting in 612 total charges so far. Narcotics activity remains a major focus with 144 narcotic and 6 alcohol-related cases reported. Drug seizures show methamphetamine as the most frequently recovered substance at 10,953 g, up significantly from last year, while marijuana seizures totaled more than 16,000 g. Fentanyl seizures included 241 g of powder and 132 pills. Overall, the street value of drugs seized this year is more than **\$1.6 million**, highlighting continued and impactful enforcement efforts.

DRUG DROP

Floyd County participated in a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [National Drug Take Back Day](#) on 10/25/25, collecting more than 248 lbs. of unwanted medications across three locations. FAD hosted a drive-through drop-off at AdventHealth Redmond, where 35 participants helped gather more than 61 lbs. of prescription and over-the-counter medicines. The Floyd County Police Department collected 25 lbs. at its event at Walmart on Cartersville Hwy. The Floyd County Sheriff's Office partnered with the DEA and brought in more than 162 lbs. These combined efforts help keep unused or expired medications out of homes and reduce opportunities for misuse or diversion.

The annual event provides a simple and safe way for residents to clean out medicine cabinets. No sharps were accepted, but all pill forms of medications were welcomed. Floyd County agencies plan to continue supporting future take-back initiatives to help protect the community.



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Current Drug Trends

The New Dangers: Synthetic Opioids and Unpredictable Mixes

A Growing National Concern

One of the most alarming trends in today's drug landscape is the surge in synthetic opioids and their unpredictable mixtures. Fentanyl and related compounds are now responsible for more overdose deaths than all other drug types combined, according to the [DEA's 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment](#). Even trace amounts can be deadly, and many users are unaware that fentanyl has been added to counterfeit pills, cocaine, or methamphetamine.

Dangerous New Combinations

The [DEA](#) reports that while fentanyl purity has slightly decreased, its danger has not. Drug samples nationwide are increasingly found laced with xylazine, a veterinary sedative known as "tranq," and potent synthetics like nitazenes, which can be several times stronger than fentanyl. These combinations heighten the risk of fatal overdose and cause devastating side effects such as tissue damage and respiratory distress.

The Rise of Polydrug Overdose Deaths

Recent findings from the CDC's [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) (MMWR) show a sharp rise in overdose deaths involving both synthetic opioids and stimulants such as methamphetamine and cocaine. This "polydrug" crisis means that each dose is more unpredictable and dangerous than ever. Staying informed, spreading awareness, and promoting access to naloxone and recovery resources are vital steps in protecting our families and community.

Heads Up

The New Threat: 7-OH — A Potent Kratom Derivative

What It Is

7-Hydroxymitragynine (often shortened to 7-OH) is a powerful psychoactive alkaloid found naturally in small amounts within the kratom plant. While kratom itself has long been marketed as a "natural" supplement, 7-OH is far more potent—binding to opioid receptors in the brain and producing effects similar to morphine. The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) has raised serious concerns about its abuse potential and is working with the [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)](#) to explore stricter regulation.

Why It's Dangerous

Unlike raw kratom leaf, synthetic and concentrated products now on the market may contain dangerously high levels of 7-OH. Many are sold as "enhanced" kratom powders, capsules, or gummies—making it easy for consumers to underestimate their strength. According to a report from the [University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus](#), 7-OH can be 5 to 50 times more potent than naturally occurring kratom, increasing the risk of dependence, overdose, and withdrawal symptoms.

Growing Health Alerts

Public health agencies are warning of severe reactions tied to high-potency kratom and 7-OH products. The [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) has reported hospitalizations linked to 7-OH ingestion, including liver toxicity and respiratory distress. The [FDA](#) has issued multiple warning letters to companies illegally selling 7-OH formulations, urging consumers to avoid products that claim to enhance kratom's effects or act as "natural pain relievers."

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