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To: Vice Presidents, Business Managers, Coordinators, Instructors, Field Representatives, JATCs

From: Tony Longbrake, Executive Director; Tim Nelson, Plastering Coordinator; and Nick Demonte, Cement Mason Coordinator

Subject: Water Bottles

We have been informed of multiple incidents where the public is handing workers free water bottles. These water bottles have been found to be laced with fentanyl. At least one union member has died. We've had several reports in different geographies like California and Chicago

Please stay alert and communicate with your teams/supervisors. While it is the employer's responsibility to provide drinking water for their employees, many of our members bring their own. Let's take this opportunity to remind our members that they should not accept any food or beverages from strangers or even co-workers who may have taken water from a stranger.

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