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The Basics

of Overdose Prevention Sites

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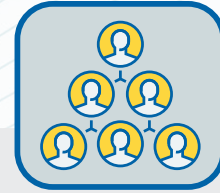
Overdose Prevention Sites are federally approved services that provide a safer, supervised environment for people to consume pre-obtained drugs, and receive medical assistance from trained staff should a person experience an overdose.



Reduce overdose deaths

30,843

people died from opioid-related deaths in Canada between January 2016 and March 2022. This service helps stop preventable deaths.



Decrease public disorder

This service allows people who typically use drugs in public to use indoors instead. This means less public drug use and fewer publicly discarded needles in the community.



Safer injection practices

This service provides sterile drug use equipment to participants. This means less sharing or reusing of supplies, which helps prevent the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C.



Increase access to health and social services

People who use drugs are often not well connected to other health care and social services. OPS play an important role in supporting access to these services.



Cost savings for health systems

Economic analyses demonstrate OPS save money for health systems.

Find out more at: www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/HarmReduction

