

Alberta Health Services

Harm Reduction for Psychoactive Substance Use Policy

Alberta Health Services recognizes the value of harm reduction as an important component in the continuum of care required to effectively serve individuals that use psychoactive substances.

Alberta Health Services may directly, or in partnership with community agencies, provide a range of harm reduction programs and services that assist individuals, families and communities to reduce the risk and adverse consequences of psychoactive substance use.

Alberta Health Services will provide current and accurate information about harm reduction principles and practices to increase awareness of health care providers, individuals and their families, and the public.



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Supervised Consumption Services (SCS)



Supervised Consumption Services are part of a range of evidence-based services that support prevention, harm reduction and treatment for Albertans living with substance use challenges.

Supervised Consumption Services provide a safe place where people can use drugs in a monitored, hygienic environment to reduce harm from substance use while offering additional services such as addictions counselling, social work, and opioid-dependency treatment. This service aims to reduce the prevalence of:

- Overdose deaths
- Transmission of infections such as HIV and Hepatitis C
- Public substance use and discarded needles

Supervised Consumption Services Virtual Tour Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tc8kJ3MX8A8>

Safeworks Harm Reduction team incorporates practitioners with diverse backgrounds that provide care, treatment, and support for people with a history of drug use in the community.

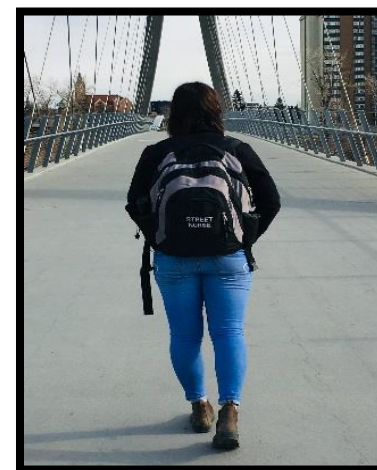
Safeworks is made up of three programs: Safeworks Outreach, Supervised Consumption Service, and Safeworks Connect. Each program strives to improve health and well-being through harm reduction services throughout Calgary and surrounding areas.

Safeworks is committed to creating a safe space that reduces stigma and discrimination and decreases the prevalence of blood borne pathogens and sexually transmitted infections in people with a history of drug use.

Safeworks' priority is to minimize risks and improve health for individuals, and promote safety in our communities.



Outreach Services



Safeworks Outreach is a team comprised of Registered Nurses, Social Workers and Outreach workers who provide comprehensive health services through a mobile outreach service as well as fixed site locations throughout the city of Calgary.

- Naloxone Kits
- Harm Reduction Supplies
- Pregnancy testing
- Testing (screening) for: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV & Hepatitis C
- Vaccines; Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, pneumonia, flu (seasonal) & tetanus
- Rapid Antibody Testing for HIV

Please call to inquire about clinic locations:

Day Phone: (403) 801-4453

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