

HARM REDUCTION

in British Columbia

What is harm reduction?

Harm reduction is a respectful nonjudgmental approach to reducing harms of drug and alcohol use that meets people "where they are at."

For example:



NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION/
SUPERVISED
INJECTION SITE



ACCESS TO
CLEAN
CRACK PIPES



DISTRIBUTING
CONDOMS



ACCESS TO
NALOXONE TO
COUNTER OPIOID
OVERDOSE



MANAGED
ALCOHOL
PROGRAMS



METHADONE
MAINTENANCE
PROGRAMS



PEER SUPPORT

76% OF BRITISH COLUMBIANS SUPPORT HARM REDUCTION

The Numbers:

4412



NALOXONE KITS DISPENSED
(2012-JAN 2016, VIA BC'S TAKE HOME NALOXONE PROGRAM)

268



SITES IN BC
RECEIVED HARM-
REDUCTION SUPPLIES
(IN 2015)

3,784,200

CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED
BC-WIDE (IN 2015)



11,832,750

NEEDLES DISTRIBUTED BC-WIDE
(IN 2015)



14,662

PATIENTS ENROLLED IN
METHADONE MAINTENANCE
PROGRAMS (IN 2014)



The Results:

ZERO

OVERDOSE DEATHS
AT INSITE

56%

DECREASE IN NEW
REPORTED CASES OF
HEP C (2002-2012)

400+

ADMISSIONS FROM
INSITE INTO ONSITE
DETOX TREATMENT
FACILITY (IN 2012)

373

OVERDOSES REVERSED
WITH NALOXONE
(2012-JAN 2016, VIA BC'S TAKE HOME NALOXONE
PROGRAM)

49,404

REFERRALS FROM DISTRIBUTION SITES
TO OTHER SERVICES, INCLUDING MENTAL
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (IN 2012)

81%

DECREASE IN NEW REPORTED
CASES OF HIV AMONG PEOPLE
WHO INJECT DRUGS (2002-2012)

Did you know?



BC HAS TWO SUPERVISED INJECTION SITES:
INSITE AND THE DR. PETER CENTRE



VANCOUVER IS HOME TO CANADA'S FIRST EVER CRACK-PIPE
VENDING MACHINE



ONE FORMAL MANAGED ALCOHOL PROGRAM (MAP) IN BC PROVIDES
SUPPORTED HOUSING AND REGULATED DOSES OF ALCOHOL TO RESIDENTS
WITH SEVERE ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE



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