



# Creating Safe Spaces for Drug Use

## Objectives

- Create a safer community for all of its members
- Provide safer spaces for the public consumption of substances
- Address community concerns around public consumption of unregulated substances

## Who to involve?

- Mental health and substance use service providers
- Harm reduction coordinators
- Local non-profits
- Local business associations

## Timeline

- Varies by community context

## Key messages

- Overdose prevention sites create dignity, privacy and safety for the entire community
- Overdose prevention sites are life saving measures implemented in an emergency context through a provincial ministerial order
- Having overdose prevention sites have demonstrated to decrease inappropriately discarded sharps
- Removing barriers to accessing overdose prevention sites create safer public spaces

## Additional resources

- [Overdose Prevention Services Guide - BCCDC](#)
- [Harm Reduction Strategies and Services Policy - BCCDC](#)
- [Decriminalization Resource for Local Government - BCCDC](#)