

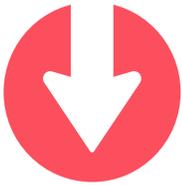


# The Basics

## of Supervised Consumption Services

# SCS

**Supervised Consumption Services** are federally approved services where people use drugs, are monitored for overdose, and receive medical assistance from trained staff in the event of an emergency.



### Reduce overdose deaths

# 21,174

people died from opioid-related deaths in Canada between 2016 and 2020. These services help 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 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. SCS play an important role in supporting access to these services.



### Cost savings for health systems

Economic analyses demonstrate SCS save money for health systems.