

# HOW DOES THIS IMPACT YOU?

Toronto lost half of our Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs) a year ago. **Be ready to respond.**

**Without SCSs, everywhere becomes a consumption site.**

- *There has been an 82% increase in EMS calls for opioid-related toxicities in the City of Toronto*

*(Toronto Public Health. Toronto Overdose Information System: Monthly Paramedic Data. 2026)*

- *In the 9 months prior to the SCS closures, there was a 47% decrease in emergency department visits for opioid-related toxicities across Ontario.*

*(Public Health Ontario. Substance Use and Harms Tool: Cases and rates of ED visits due to opioid-related poisonings in Ontario. 2026)*

**THIS MEANS LONGER WAIT TIMES FOR EMS and EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR ALL OF US**



# WHY WE CARE

This flyer was created by the Toronto Drop-In Network's Advocacy Committee. We are leadership, frontline workers, program participants, and people with lived experience from drop-in programs across the City of Toronto.

We created this flyer because we care about community. People who use drugs **are people**, deserving of love, joy, compassion, support, and care. They are our friends, family, and colleagues from all walks of life.

# YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE



Naloxone Kits are available for FREE at most pharmacies & at most drop-in programs.

FREE Naloxone training is also available on the [City of Toronto's website](#), through Red Cross, and other providers.



[www.tdin.ca](http://www.tdin.ca)

We are trusted by The Neighbourhood Group

# COMMUNITY CARE IS FOR EVERYONE

*Facts about Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs)*

**The provincial government's decision to end funding for Supervised Consumption Sites (SCSs) impacts us all!**

*"Between March 2020 and May 2024, trained workers at SCS in Ontario medically-intervened to prevent almost 22,000 overdose deaths" (Social Planning Toronto).*

*April 2026*

# WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Contact your MPP and let them know that you support SCSs
- Write a letter or email to the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Premier
- Post on social media
- Start a conversation with a friend, neighbour or family member
- Spread the word about community care
- Carry Naloxone
- Learn basic first aid

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a consumption site.**

# WHY HARM REDUCTION MATTERS?

- Harm Reduction is about meeting people where they are at
- It's about safety and care
- It is a spectrum from abstinence to offering supports to people who are actively using
- Prohibition taught us that government-forced abstinence does not work
- Enforcement targets and profiles different groups of marginalized individuals
- Shame and isolation force people to use in unsafe situations
- Building trust with community members offers opportunities for individuals to seek help when needed
- Eliminating services, forces people to use in unsafe, public spaces
- Recognizes that substance use is not an individual failure, but instead is a result of systemic failures
- Eases pressure on emergency rooms and hospitals
- Increases community safety for all
- Pushes back against systemic issues that amplify the growth of substance use

# WHAT IS A SCS?

- ✔ A safe place where people are able to use drugs
- ✔ Overdose response by trained professionals
- ✔ Outdoor community clean up teams
- ✔ Safe disposal of equipment
- ✔ Community, care & connection
- ✔ Provides safe space away from the elements
- ✔ Provides snacks & drinks
- ✔ Provides a variety of targeted resources, including treatment programs and health care services based on client needs
- ✔ Builds relationships with the staff and support network
- ✔ Part of the health care system and operates under a medical directive
- ✔ Research supports that there are no increase in crime rates near SCSs
- ✔ Provides safe supplies for substance use

**SCSs DO NOT  
supply drugs**