

Overdose Prevention Site (OPS)

Street Health
338 Dundas St. E.

Opening: Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Regular Hours:
Monday - Friday 11 am - 4 pm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an OPS?

- A safe, hygienic environment for people to inject pre-obtained drugs under the supervision of staff.
- We provide sterile injection supplies, education, overdose prevention and intervention, nursing and other services and referrals.
- A low barrier, lifesaving service to address the opioid crisis.

Why an OPS at Street Health?

- Opioid deaths in Ontario have increased by 52% and emergency room visits due to suspected overdose have increased by 72% in past year.
 - Toronto Public Health has identified our neighbourhood as a 'hot spot' for overdose.
- We have been delivering harm reduction services in the community for many years

What will the service look like?

- The service is located in the fully-accessible backyard coach house within our existing space.
- The service has two booths for supervised injection and a small area for post-consumption monitoring.
- The service operates during our current opening hours and is staffed by experienced harm reduction workers with nursing back up.
- Most of the people using the service will be existing clients.



What are the benefits of an OPS?

- Reducing the number of drug overdoses
- Reducing the risk factors leading to infectious diseases such as HIV and hepatitis
- Increasing the use of detox and drug treatment services
- Connecting people with other health and social services
- Reducing the number of publicly discarded needles; and
- Reducing the cost of health care services.



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