EPISODIC OVERDOSE PREVENTION SERVICE (eOPS)

eOPS is a policy that allows clients to use substances on site with staff monitoring.

Guiding Principles
As part of harm reduction practice and approach to care, e-OPS is guided by a set of principles that aim to minimize negative outcomes associated with substance use.

• Provide compassionate, non-stigmatizing and respectful care to all clients
• Promote client and staff safety
• Use evidence based, pragmatic and flexible approaches to address the toxic drug emergency
• Recognize that not all clients have a goal of abstinence

Aims

• Reduce fatalities from toxic drug poisonings
• Improve safety and reduce distress for staff responding to drug poisonings
• Create more opportunities for people who use substances to engage with health services

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For more information:
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Scope
All regulated and non-regulated health care and social service providers.

Responsibilities
Staff offer on-demand observed, private, and hygienic consumption spaces for people to use substances.