

# Overdose Prevention Sites

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# Provincial Harm Reduction Collective

- Established under **Towards Recovery: The Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador** (2017-22)
- Comprised of community partners, persons with lived and living experience, Memorial University, provincial health authority and Department of Health and Community Services
- Provides oversight and/or support to provincial harm reduction initiatives

# Supervised Consumption vs. Overdose Prevention Sites

	SCS	OPS
<b>Purpose</b> – safe place for persons to consume their own drugs	√	√
<b>Duration</b>	Long term (≤ one year)	Temporary
<b>Services Available</b> – witness consumption, sterile supplies, naloxone, drug checking, and connect to primary health care and substance use supports and services	√	√
<b>Authorization</b> – exemption 56.1 to federal <b>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</b>	Health Canada	Provincial Dept - HCS

# Current Sites in Canada

- As of September 2023, there are 39 supervised consumption sites operating in Canada.
- Estimated that around 2,700 visits take place every day.
- Because of grassroots nature of Overdose Prevention Sites, there is no national registry.
- In Atlantic Canada, there are two OPSs in Nova Scotia, two in New Brunswick, and one awaiting an approved location in PEI.

# Overdose Prevention Site in Newfoundland and Labrador

- Community response should consider:
  - Reporting requirements from Health Canada
  - Approved location established
  - Hours of operation, seven days/week
  - Witnessed consumption for injection, inhalation, and ingestion
  - Connections to health and social services
  - Role of persons with lived and living experience

# Questions

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