

OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Information for Edmonton's Business Improvement Areas

Edmonton, like many municipalities across Alberta and Canada is experiencing a crisis in opioid-related poisoning (overdose) deaths. Opioid poisonings are at an all time high, exacerbated by the current COVID-19 pandemic. This is a complex public health issue with many factors leading to the significant increase in opioid poisonings today, including the emergence of strong synthetic opioids in the illegal drug supply. It is not just the role of our partners in health to address this crisis in our community, it will take all of us, including the business community to champion local actions and ultimately reduce overdose deaths.

**389 Edmontonians died of an opioid-related poisoning in 2020.
This is double the rate seen in 2019**

Information and Resources

There are many resources available that can be used to educate staff and/or customers on safer use practices and overdose response.

Resources for print are available on the AHS website at drugsafe.ca - under the opioids tab.

- [Overdose Poisoning Prevention](#)
- [Opioid Poisoning Signs and Symptoms](#)
- [Responding to a Poisoning with Naloxone](#)
- [Anyone Can Save a Life: How to use a Naloxone Kit Video](#)

Join [EACH+EVERY: Businesses for Harm Reduction](#) to help end the stigma surrounding drug use through collective actions.

If you have additional questions about this information, please email hellohowareyou@edmonton.ca

Training in Overdose Prevention and Response

Alberta Health Services Harm Reduction Services Team, in coordination with Streetworks offers overdose prevention information, and naloxone training.

- Contact: harm.reduction@ahs.ca

Naloxone

Alberta Health Services operates the Community Based Naloxone (CBN) Program. This allows community sites who are interacting with members of the public who are at risk of an overdose/poisoning, or likely to witness an overdose to distribute Naloxone kits.

- See the [Community Based Naloxone Program Website](#) for more information.
- Contact: naloxone.kit@ahs.ca

St. John's Ambulance provides free Naloxone training and nasal Naloxone kits to homeless-serving agencies.

- Contact: naloxone@sja.ca for more information