

# A Safe Space for Drug Use



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*"[This] is a picture of [a] room [at the] Safe consumption site, where you have that needle box, and, um, that's a basic medical facility where you can go in, and you can use those rooms. And they give you needles, they give you pipes, and they give you all of the stuff that you need, so you can use, um, safely. Um, and that's actually a way that you can use substances safely. Um, and to be safe is to use needle -- like clean needles. Um, not reusing the same one... not, like, using someone else's needles. Basically, they got [ ] like, medical professionals there... Um, so, like, if somebody overdoses, they can get there, like, on time. So there's nobody like overdosing in the streets.... The[y] [have] staff there, specifically set up to help you, you know. So like, if you take more than what you need, then they're there... [At the overdose prevention site] I think it's more safer because people have a place to go, that's like away from the elements. And like, they're not, um, like, around people that are gonna harm them. That as well as is like, if someone does overdose, which nowadays, I haven't really heard of anybody over like -- overdosing on the streets. Like, I haven't really heard of anybody overdosing... I thought it was, like in between the borderline with a very thin line of helping people and enabling them. Whereas, it could be perceived as, like, you know, a form of enabling. But at the same time, it's like, you know, people are going to use anyways. So like, you know, you can't project -- control onto other people's lives. So the least you could do is try to help them, you know, do it safely, in an effort to help prevent overdoses and the loss of peep -- loss of lives."*

