

HARM REDUCTION IN HURON

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HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

Harm reduction strategies surrounding drug use recognize that abstaining from drugs may not be realistic or even desirable for everyone.

Harm reduction strategies are community-based, user-driven, non-judgmental and address systems that isolate and marginalize individuals.

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The key issues related to harm reduction and drug misuse include:

- Improving access to services providing sterile, single-use supplies
- Educating individuals about safer drug use practices to reduce risky behaviour
- Preventing transmission of blood-borne viruses and pathogens between individuals eg. HIV, hepatitis C and B and various sexually transmitted infections
- Reducing the risk of overdose through distribution of prevention kits

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Ontario Harm Reduction 2013



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[HTTPS://WWW.HURONHEALTHUNIT.CA/HEALTH-TOPICS/NEEDLE-EXCHANGE/](https://www.huronhealthunit.ca/health-topics/needle-exchange/)

NALOXONE AVAILABILITY IN EXETER

EXETER GUARDIAN PHARMACY (*INJECTION ONLY*) 44 THAMES RD. E., EXETER

HANSEN'S DRUGSTORE PHARMACY (*NASAL SPRAY ONLY*) 62 THAMES RD. E., EXETER

HURON APOTHECARY (*NASAL SPRAY & INJECTION*) 440 MAIN ST. S., EXETER

SAFE HANDLING

[HTTPS://WWW.HURONHEALTHUNIT.CA/HEALTH-TOPICS/INJURY-PREVENTION/FOUND-SHARPS-OR-NEEDLES/](https://www.huronhealthunit.ca/health-topics/injury-prevention/FOUND-SHARPS-OR-NEEDLES/)



OPTIONS FOR SAFE DISPOSAL

Local pharmacies in a sharps container

Disposal drop box Kiosk at HCHU

Central Huron Landfill in Holmesville until June 2018



SAFE DISPOSAL



MOVING FORWARD

- RECOMMENDATIONS
- THAT SOUTH HURON ACCEPT A LARGE DISPOSAL KIOSK FROM THE HURON COUNTY HEALTH UNIT TO PLACE ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARPS.
- THAT SOUTH HURON SECURE AN ONGOING CONTRACT WITH A PROVIDER FOR DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS SHARPS.

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