

# The Impacts of OPCS



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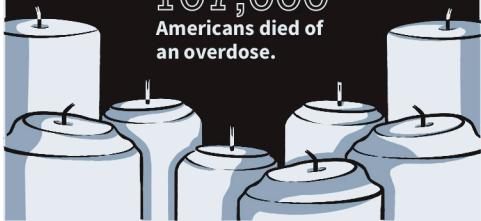
# Across the United States

states and cities are exploring opening overdose prevention centers to reduce overdose deaths.

These are sites where people can use pre-obtained drugs under the care of trained staff who can intervene during an overdose.

**Here's how these sites work.**

In 2023 more than  
**107,000**  
Americans died of  
an overdose.



These are friends, family, and loved ones.



**Overdose Prevention Centers (OPCs)** reduce overdose deaths in the communities where they are located.

One study from Toronto found a **69% decrease in overdose deaths** in a 1000 meter radius from OPCs within one year of opening.

People often overdose alone, on the street, in public bathrooms, at home. An overdose can become fatal in

**minutes**



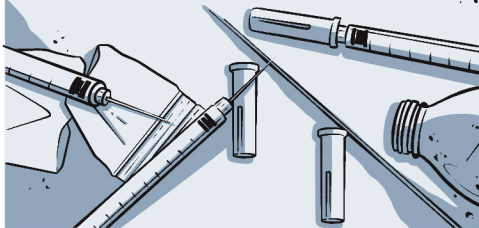
EMS must be called and arrive quickly to reverse an overdose. **Often, help arrives too late.**

At an OPC, people receive oxygen at the first signs of overdose, so an overdose is not a life-threatening crisis. In most cases, EMS is not needed.

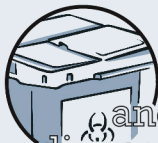


An OPC in New York City, **successfully stabilized all of the 1500+ overdoses** at their sites in **2.5 years** of operation.

Without a safe place to dispose of and get new supplies, people may **share equipment and contract diseases** like HIV and hepatitis C. Needles and other items could also end up as litter on the streets.



At an OPC, people properly use



and dispose of equipment onsite.

OPC use has been associated with **70% reductions in syringe sharing** and a reduction in drug related litter in the community.

LITTER  
CLEANUP  
AHEAD



## The overdose crisis

and drug related stigma keep people alone and isolated—away from supports and services.



## When people stay alive and feel supported

they can access services. After two years at an OPC in Vancouver, 42% of people who used an OPC and weren't enrolled in treatment before, entered treatment.

# The research is clear:

these sites save lives.

Visit [OPC.info](http://OPC.info) to find out more.



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the same time, the number of employees in the sector has increased from 1.5 million in 1990 to 2.2 million in 2000.

As a result of the increase in the number of employees, the number of accidents has also increased. In 1990, there were 10,000 accidents in the sector, while in 2000 there were 13,000 accidents. The number of accidents per employee has increased from 6.7 in 1990 to 6.0 in 2000.

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