Substance Use Health and Drug Strategy Information

Opioid Surveillance Dashboard

The Community Drug Strategy publishes opioid surveillance information to help inform members of our community. Individuals can quickly access accurate information to help understand the impact of opioid use in our community. Access here: www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/alcohol-drugs/community-drug-strategy/research/opioid-surveillance

Statistics – Opioid-related Deaths:

In 2023 (preliminary data):

• 96 residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose. This represents a local annualized mortality rate of 44.8 deaths per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the rate in Ontario overall, 16.6 deaths per 100,000 population per year.

In 2022 (total):

• **112** residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose. This represents a local annualized mortality rate of **53.6** deaths per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, **16.8** deaths per 100,000 population per year.

In **2021** (total):

• 98 residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose. This represents a local annual mortality rate of 47.6 deaths per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, 19.2 deaths per 100,000 population per year.

Opioid Poisoning Response Plan

Access here: www.phsd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PHSD_0PRP-Web_Version.pdf

*Note: the Opioid Poisoning Response Plan (OPRP) was first drafted in 2018, given the everchanging climate of the toxic, unregulated drug supply work has begun on a new all-encompassing Drug Poisoning Response Plan.

Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs

The Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs brought together leaders from diverse community sectors, including health, education, municipal, Indigenous, social services, persons with lived and living experience, academia, and more, to review the magnitude of—and response to—the toxic drug crisis in Greater Sudbury. Honouring Voices, Embracing Perspectives, Moving Forward: A Summary Report on the Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs (PDF) documents the insights and priorities from the December 7 and 8, 2023, Greater Sudbury Summit on Toxic Drugs.

The Point – Harm Reduction Supplies & Services

The Point is a free and confidential program that provides harm reduction supplies and services to people who use drugs. It aims to reduce the risks of getting or passing on infectious diseases, like HIV and hepatitis C, and reduce risks associated with using drugs. We are committed to offering our clients services with respect and without judgement.

Access here: www.phsd.ca/clinics-classes-events/point-harm-reduction-supplies-services

Sign up for Drug Warnings & Alerts

Staying informed helps our community stay healthy and safe. A drug alert advises our community members about potential substances that could put individuals at risks or cause harm.





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