



AIDS Vancouver Island is here to help you!

1. Where can I access further training on the issue of harm reduction, needle distribution and service integration?

AIDS Vancouver Island can provide tailored training to meet your specific workplace needs. Topics include but are not limited to:

- Needle and Syringe programs 101 – Explores the rationale and evidence for the distribution of injecting equipment. Explains the documented effectiveness for reducing drug related harms to individuals and the broader community.
- Safe Retrieval and Disposal of Injecting Equipment – Provides practical experience in handling injecting equipment including retrieval and disposal, Includes the development of appropriate policy and guidelines for your workplace.
- HIV and HCV 101 – Reviews the prevention, transmission and disease progressions of HIV and hepatitis C and the role of harm reduction.
- Safer Injecting Practices for People who Use Drugs – Reviews safe injecting practices, vein care and common health problems such as bacterial and fungal infections.
- Stigma and Discrimination – Reviews the impact of stigma and discrimination on the ability of people accessing appropriate health care services. Covers needs of service users, creating relationships based on trust and respect and capacity building.

2. Where can I access injecting equipment to distribute to my clients?

- AIDS Vancouver Island can provide injecting equipment in bulk or in pre-made packages. We access our equipment from the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control's Harm Reduction Equipment Supply Program. If you anticipate you will be distributing a large amount of equipment you can order directly from them. Go to BCCDC.org for more information.

3. Where can I safely dispose of any injecting equipment I collect?

- AIDS Vancouver Island can dispose of injecting equipment and is open to receive it between 9 and 5 Monday to Thursday and 9-1pm on Fridays.

4. Who can I contact for more information?

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