Who took part in Vancouver Coastal?

2 communities
3 sites
70 participants

Drug use

More than half of respondents (59%) identified SMOKING or INHALATION as the preferred method of drug use, while 19% preferred injection, and 3% preferred snorting.

Past 3-days self-reported drug use

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Potential harms

Of 57 people that used glass pipes to smoke drugs in the past 6 months:

- 7% used a second-hand pipe
- None injected instead when they couldn't find unused smoking equipment

Of 29 people that injected drugs in the past 6 months:

- None had trouble getting unused needles
- 10% had fixed with a needle used by someone else

More than half of participants (57%) reported using drugs alone often or always.

Overdose

20% experienced an OPIOID OVERDOSE in the past six months

26% experienced a STIMULANT OVERDOSE in the past six months

57% witnessed an OPIOID OVERDOSE in the past six months

Keeping safe and harm reduction

- 74% of participants owned a Take Home Naloxone kit; whereas 57% owned a cell phone.

Of those that injected drugs, 62% had used drugs at an Overdose Prevention Services site in the past 6 months.

Of 25 people that accessed opioid agonist therapy (OAT) in the past six months, 44% since discontinued its use, reporting difficulties that include:

- OAT treatment wasn’t effective
- OAT dose was too low
- had no pharmacies nearby

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