

# Toronto Overdose Action Plan: Prevention & Response

The Action Plan provides a comprehensive set of actions and responds to overdoses, organized under **10 key strategies**.

1.

**Comprehensive overdose plans:** All governments should develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence-based overdose prevention and response plan.

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**Overdose protocols and naloxone:** Services in the community should have an overdose prevention and response plan as part of their emergency first aid protocols.

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**Emergency medical care:** Address barriers to calling 911 for medical assistance during an overdose.

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**Supervised injection services:** Supervised injection services should be available to provide a safe and hygienic place to inject drugs with onsite medical intervention in case of overdose.

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**Drug checking programs:** Drug checking programs should be available to allow people to test illicit drugs for the presence of toxic contaminants.

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**Treatment on demand:** Substance use treatment options should be available on-demand, and include of range of options to suit individual needs.

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**Pharmaceutical drug access:** Governments should identify and prevent potential adverse health consequences such as overdose before changing access to pharmaceutical drugs.

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**Information about overdose incidents:** All governments should have 'real-time' overdose surveillance and monitoring systems in place.

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**Social factors:** All governments should address systemic social factors that can lead to overdose and other health harms related to substance use.

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**A public health approach to drug policy:** Community dialogue is needed to determine what a public health approach to drug policy in Canada would look like.

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