

# How to Use a Hammer Pipe to smoke opioids

## Why do people use hammer pipes?

- More durable than bubble pipes (higher heat threshold)
- Keeps opioids and stimulants separate (reduces risk of cross-contamination)
- Contains the drug better than foil (doesn't blow away)

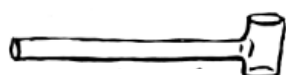
## Safety Tips

- **Use a separate pipe for stimulants** (like crack and methamphetamines) to reduce cross-contamination and risk of opioid poisoning. Some people colour code their pipes with stickers.
- **Use your own pipe** to reduce the risk of cross-contamination (like unintentional opioid use) and infectious disease transmission (like Hepatitis C).
- **Use a mouthpiece** so your lips aren't exposed to the glass and heat to prevent burns and cuts.
- **Carry naloxone and have a safety plan:** use with a buddy, [BRAVE app](#), or [NORS line](#): 1-888-688-6677

## Preparation

### 1. Collect supplies

#### Hammer Pipe



Made of thick glass, flat bottom "bowl"

#### Torch



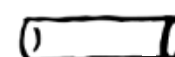
Glass is thick, a lighter won't work

#### Screens (1 or 2)



Protects lungs, easier to clean out clogged dope

#### Plastic Mouthpiece



Size 10 hose fits the best

### 2. Add screen(s)

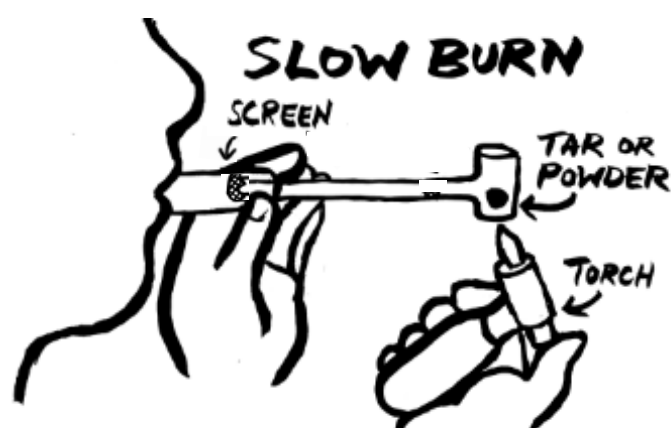
Wrap screen around pipe end, then put the mouthpiece on



## Inhalation

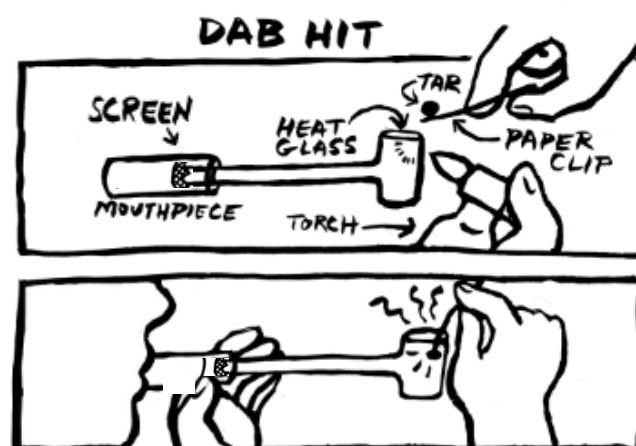
### Slow burn:

Add dope then heat glass. Turn off torch after every use.



### Dab hit:

Heat glass then drop in dope. Drop in the exact amount you want to use as it evaporates quickly.



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Note: Hammer pipes are not part of BC's provincial harm reduction supply program.

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