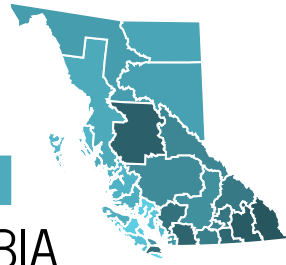


# THE HISTORY OF

# HARM REDUCTION

# SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

# IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



1994

**Centralized bulk purchase of syringes**

- The BC provincial government ensures that a sufficient numbers of syringes are available to meet the needs of clients in all 14 Needle Exchange Programs in BC

2003

**Harm Reduction supply distribution transferred to the BCCDC**

- Supplies include needles, condoms and alcohol swabs.
- Needle distribution and safe recovery is encouraged

2004/2005

**2.8M needles and 942,000 water vials distributed across BC**

- BCCDC begins to track the distribution of harm reduction products, funded by the provincial government and subsidized by the Provincial Health Services Authority

2008

**Some safe smoking supplies are added to the provincial harm reduction list (i.e. plastic mouth pieces and wooden push sticks)**

2010

**Cookers and acidifiers are added to the provincial harm reduction supplies distribution list**

2011

**6.3M syringes/needles, 2.86M water vials and 3.98M condoms are distributed across the province**

Sep ' 11

**Personal sharps containers are made available through the provincial harm reduction supplies distribution list**

Dec ' 11

**Tourniquets and screens for safer inhalation are added to the provincial harm reduction supplies distribution list**

2012

**On August 31, 2012 the [BC Take Home Naloxone](#) program is launched**

- The program provides training and prescribed naloxone to individuals at risk of opioid overdose

2016

**The BC Harm Reduction Strategies and Services (HRSS) Committee releases its [Policy Indicators Report](#)**

- The report provides a detailed account of Harm Reduction supply distribution across the province

2017

**More than 280 active harm reduction supply receiving sites across British Columbia were sent more than 16 million needles for distribution in the 2017 calendar year**

- [Safe Needle Disposal](#) recommendations and other Best Practice guidelines are available [here](#)

More information about the Harm Reduction program can be found at

<https://www.towardtheheart.com/hr-sites>

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