

# Safer Smoking Supplies

## Ordering & Distribution Guide

Glass stems, bowl pipes, and foils are available through the BCCDC harm reduction supply program. Please order these supplies on an AS NEEDED basis only. Please note that orders may be adjusted to ensure equitable distribution across sites provincially.

Provide harm reduction education to your clients that smoking drugs carries as much of a risk of overdose as injecting, to avoid using alone, to use at an OPS, and to always carry naloxone.

### Stems/crack pipes (heat and shatter resistant glass)

Prevent cuts, burns, HIV, hepatitis C, infections, and other harms

- Give up to 2 stems per person, per visit.
- Encourage single-person use of stems.
- Distribute stems with mouthpieces, screens, wooden push sticks, and alcohol swabs.
- Encourage disposal in a sharps container for broken and used pipes.

### Brass screens

Prevent burns and lung damage from inhaled 'brillo' and other metals

- Give 2 packages of screens per stem.
- Show how to load screens into a pipe.
- Show alternative methods for using screens.

### Vinyl tubing for mouthpieces

Prevent cuts and burns, allow smoke to cool, and prevent inhaled 'brillo'; may prevent transmission of hepatitis C, pneumonia, and other infections

- Cut vinyl tubing to 3 or 4 inches long.
- Give 2 cut tubes per stem.
- Medium tubing (5/16" x 7/16") fits the 8mm stems.
- Large tubing (3/8" x 1/2") fits the 10mm stems and bowl pipes.
- Encourage single-person use of vinyl tubing.
- Cutters are available to order for cutting vinyl tubing into pieces.

### Bowl/meth pipes (heat and shatter resistant glass)

Prevent cuts, burns, HIV, hepatitis C, infections and other harms

- Give up to 1 bowl pipe per person, per visit.
- Encourage single-person use of pipes.
- Distribute pipes with mouthpieces, wooden push sticks, and alcohol swabs.
- Encourage disposal in a sharps container for broken and used pipes.

### Foils

Prevent cuts, burns, HIV, hepatitis C, infections, and other harms

- Give up to 10 sheets per person, per visit.
- Provide training on how to use foil as a hooter.
- Consider distributing in an envelope to prevent crumpling of foil.