



SEXUAL HEALTH &
HARM REDUCTION
SERVICE

WHAT
IS

HARM REDUCTION?

Harm reduction is aimed at reducing negative consequences of substance use. This can include providing people with sterile syringes or education on how to use drugs more safely.

Harm reduction is about support, rather than judgment or blame.

As passed, **Senate Bill 511** allows a number of organizations to register as harm reduction services. These include:

Government Entities

Religious Institutions or Churches

Nongovernment Entities Partnering with a Governmental Agency

Nonprofit Organizations

For-Profit Companies

Tribal Governments



HARM REDUCTION FACTS

Reduces HIV and Hepatitis C transmission.

Prevents needlestick injuries among first responders and in the community.

Saves lives by teaching people how to recognize, respond to, and reverse drug overdose.

Improves public safety through safe needle provision and disposal.

People who use harm reduction services are **five times more likely to go to treatment.**

HARM REDUCTION

- **IS** fiscally responsible and produces healthcare savings by preventing infectious diseases.
- **DOES NOT** increase rates of substance use.
- **DOES NOT** increase crime in surrounding areas. **In fact**, studies show that harm reduction programs often **improve community safety** and **cleanliness**.

**HARM
REDUCTION
WORKS**

WHAT MUST I REPORT?

Authorized providers are required to report the following information to the state on a quarterly basis:

- The number of clients served, including basic demographic information.
- Number and type of referrals provided.
- Number of syringes, test kits and antagonists distributed.
- Number of used syringes collected.
- Number of rapid HIV and viral hepatitis tests performed, including the number of reactive test results.

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**SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR HARM
REDUCTION PROGRAM**

