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WHAT IS A SIS?
A hygienic site supervised by health professionals, where people who inject drugs can:

- Use sterile equipment
- Safely dispose of used needles
- Receive on-site first aid as needed
- Be referred to MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment)

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE:
Education and screening for HIV, HCV and syphilis, and wound care.

PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR:

- Overdose
- Endocarditis & soft tissue infections
- HIV & HCV

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PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN A SIS HAVE:

- SHORTER HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
- LOWER DRUG OVERDOSE MORTALITY RATES
- FEWER DISCARDED NEEDLES IN PUBLIC PLACES
- LESS PUBLIC INJECTION DRUG USE
- INCREASED MAT UPTAKE
- NO PARTICIPANT IN AN SIS HAS EXPERIENCED A FATAL OVERDOSE WHILE AT THE SITE.

Each dollar spent generates savings of $2.33 on 5 averted outcomes:

- HIV infections
- HCV infections
- averted overdose deaths
- increased MAT uptake
- reduced skin and soft tissue infections

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