

Overview of Drug Checking Across Canada

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Location	Host	Model
City of Vancouver	Insite (supervised injection site)	Fixed-site
	Get Your Drugs Tested	Mail-in
City of Victoria	Vancouver Island Drug Checking Project	Fixed-site
	Vancouver Island Drug Checking Project	Mail-in
Interior British Columbia	AIDS Network Kootenay Outreach and Support Society	On-site (event)
City of Toronto	Toronto Drug Checking Service	Off-site
City of Montreal	Groupe de recherche et d'intervention psychosociale	Mobile
Calgary	Alberta Alliance who Educate and Advocate Responsibly	Mobile

Alberta

- Calgary's Alberta Alliance who Educate and Advocate Responsibility (AAWEAR) secured funding under the federal government's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) to pilot a drug checking program. Administration is working with AAWEAR as part of the CLC - Partners in the Prevention of Drug Poisoning's projects that received funding from the SUAP program as well.

British Columbia

- Vancouver offers a fixed site service at Insite, a supervised injection site, as well as a mail-in service through Get Your Drugs Tested.
- The Vancouver Island Drug Checking Project, which is based at a fixed site in Victoria, collaborates with the University of Victoria to release monthly reports to show trends. Interior BC Health primarily offers take-home fentanyl test strips with some mobile testing options.
- Each year since 2003, the AIDS Network Kootenay Outreach and Support Society (ANKORS) has provided on-site services at the Shambhala music festival. Since 2016, ANKORS has expanded its on-site drug checking

technologies by adding a Raman spectrometer and mobile thin layer chromatography kits to accommodate increasing demand.

Ontario

- Toronto offers an off-site program through the Toronto Drug Checking Service that is running from February 2018 to January 2023. This five year pilot program was made possible through the federally funded Substance Use and Addictions Program. This work is a result of receiving an exemption from Health Canada to use its fully equipped drug checking van to determine the composition of illicit drugs at festivals, electronic dance music events and other events.

Quebec

- Montreal's Groupe de recherche et d'intervention psychosociale received an exemption from Health Canada to use its fully equipped drug testing van to determine the composition of illicit drugs at festivals, electronic dance music events and other events.