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# Moms Stop The Harm

**MOMS STOP THE HARM (MSTH) IS A NETWORK OF CANADIAN FAMILIES IMPACTED BY SUBSTANCE-USE RELATED HARMS AND DEATHS.**

**WE ADVOCATE TO END SUBSTANCE USE RELATED STIGMA, HARMS AND DEATH.**

**WE HAVE OVER 1700 MEMBER FAMILIES CANADA WIDE, MOST IN BC, AB AND ON.**



**Substance  
use and  
overdose  
can affect  
anyone**

# Alex



# To end stigma we have to decriminalize people who use drugs.



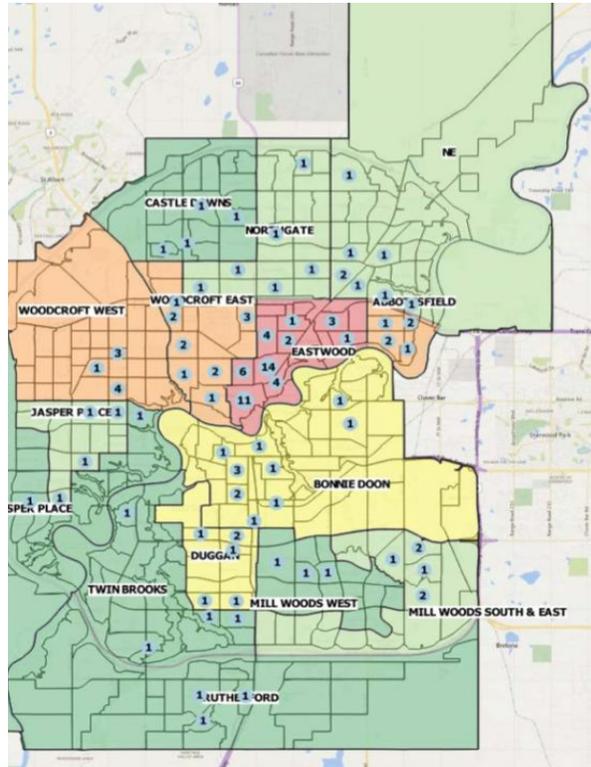
Because of stigma people use and die alone

Structural stigma is created by laws and policies.

Criminalization of a substance use is the ultimate stigma.

How can a person seek help if the health problem they struggle with is criminalized.

# More people are dying at home and alone because of the pandemic. We have dual public health emergencies



|                         | Count      | Rate |
|-------------------------|------------|------|
| <b>CITY of EDMONTON</b> | <b>132</b> |      |
| EASTWOOD                | 46         |      |
| ABBOTSFIELD             | 6          |      |
| WOODCROFT WEST          | 8          |      |
| WOODCROFT EAST          | 12         |      |
| DUGGAN                  | 7          |      |
| BONNIE DOON             | 11         |      |
| NE                      | 8          |      |
| JASPER PLACE            | 4          |      |
| MILL WOODS SOUTH & EAST | 6          |      |
| NORTHGATE               | 6          |      |
| MILL WOODS WEST         | 3          |      |
| CASTLE DOWNS            | 4          |      |
| TWIN BROOKS             | 4          |      |
| WEST JASPER PLACE       | 4          |      |
| RUTHERFORD              | 3          |      |

### Legend

Rate of opioid/fentanyl drug overdose deaths per 100,000 compared

- Significantly lower
- Lower
- Average
- Higher
- Significantly higher
- No deaths

A staggering 1,128 Albertans died from opioid-related overdoses in 2020. 372 of those deaths occurred in Edmonton. Almost every community in our city saw an overdose death in 2020.

Map Source: Alberta Covid-19 Opioid Response Surveillance Report Q2 2020

# Moms Stop the Harm is calling for Safer Supply



## Safe supply or we [the people we love] die.

When a person lives with substance use disorder (SUD) they will use, regardless of the toxicity.

Safer supply means prescription grade alternatives to toxic street drugs provided by a health professional.

Keeps people alive and healthy

Reduces criminal activity

Connects people to health services

- More information: British Columbia Centre for Substance Use. (2020, March) RISK MITIGATION. IN THE CONTEXT OF DUAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES <https://www.bccsu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Risk-Mitigation-in-the-Context-of-Dual-Public-Health-Emergencies-v1.6.pdf>

# Municipalities endorsing resolutions

**Newfoundland:** Daniel's Harbour

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**Quebec:** Colombier, Saint-Valérien, Saint-Joseph-de-Coleraine, Sainte-Émélie-de-l'Énergie.  
**Montreal's** city council passed a motion calling on the federal government to decriminalize the simple possession of illicit drugs nationally.

**Ontario:** Halton Hills, Cobourg, Thessalon, Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, Brantford, Mallorytown, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Selwyn, Laird, North Grenville St. Catharines,

**Saskatchewan:** Creighton, Saskatoon

**British Columbia:** Squamish, Kamloops, Salmo, Victoria Lake Country, White Rock, Saanich, Central Saanich, Powell River, New Westminster, Pemberton, Smithers, Delta, Burnaby, Fruitvale, Ashcroft, Oliver, North Vancouver, Prince George

**Vancouver, BC.** Councillors in Vancouver have voted unanimously to ask the federal government to decriminalize possession of small amounts of illicit drugs.



It is up to you  
to help us save  
the lives of the  
people we love!

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