

A Typical Visit

What happens at a Supervised Consumption Service?

i **Supervised Consumption Services (SCS)** are federally approved services where people use drugs, are monitored for overdose, and receive medical assistance from trained staff in the event of an emergency.

1 Check-In

Talk to a staff member

Participants complete an intake process on their first visit, and share some basic information about themselves.

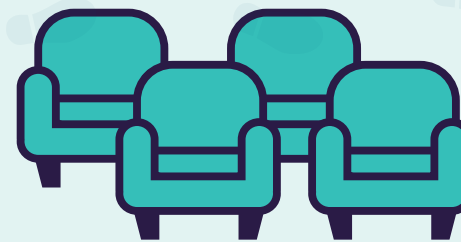
In subsequent visits, participants share which drugs they are planning to consume.



2 Waiting Area

If the facility is full

Participants wait in the designated area until there is room in the consumption area.



3 Consumption Room

Inject, inhale, ingest or snort

SCS in Canada typically accommodate drug use by injection, intranasal, or oral routes. Some have included areas for smoking.

The consumption area has sterile drug use equipment, sharps containers for needle disposal, and is monitored by SCS staff.

Emergency medical care is available in the event of an overdose.



5 Engagement

Gateway to health & social services

Many SCS offer access to health and social services including healthcare, substance use treatment, and housing programs. People are connected to these services via referrals from SCS staff.



4 Post-Consumption Area

Space is provided for monitoring and respite following consumption

Following drug consumption, participants are encouraged to stay in the facility so they can continue to be monitored by SCS staff.

Snacks, beverages, and other basic needs are often addressed in this area.

