

Eliminating Stigma

✔ USE	✘ DON'T USE
Person who uses drugs	Drug user
Person with non-problematic drug use	Recreational, casual, or experimental users
Person with drug dependence, person with problematic drug use, person with substance use disorder; person who uses drugs (when use is not problematic)	Addict; drug/substance abuser; junkie; dope head, pothead, smack head, crackhead etc.; druggie; stoner
Substance use disorder; problematic drug use	Drug habit
Has a X use disorder	Addicted to X
Abstinent; person who has stopped using drugs	Clean
Actively uses drugs; positive for substance use	Dirty (as in "dirty screen")
Respond, program, address, manage	Fight, counter, combat drugs and other combatant language
Safe consumption facility	Fix rooms
Person in recovery, person in long-term recovery	Former addicts; reformed addict
Person who injects drugs	Injecting drug user
Opioid substitution therapy	Opioid replacement therapy

Source: **The World Drug Perception Problem: Countering Prejudices About people who use drugs** (page 30)
http://www.globalcommissionondrugs.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/GCDP-Report-2017_Perceptions-ENGLISH.pdf

Read: [The World Drug Perception Problem Countering Prejudices About people who use drugs](#)
 Global Commission on Drug Policy, 2017



Find these resources at hreptoolkit.ca

Foundation Tools
[Guiding Principles – Human Rights and Health Equity.](#)
[Guiding Principles – Drug Use as a Health and Rights Issue.](#)
[Surveying Conditions in BC](#)

Tools for Action
[How to Engage People with Lived Experience](#)
[Beyond Stigma-Reduction – Putting Rights First.](#)
[Community Action Teams: Templates for Change](#)