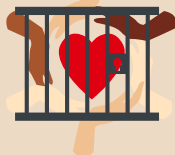


Behind Bars: Addiction Talk



Rehabilitation Needed in Prisons

- Life skills
- Work programs
- Around the clock care
- Counselling
- Social supports
- Increased screening for mental health concerns at time of admittance



Substance Smuggling

In England drugs have been reportedly being brought in by:

- Corrupted staff
- Visitors, willingly or unwillingly
- Mail systems
- Drones, or being thrown over walls
- Found in clothes
- Towels
- Shoe soles
- Baby diapers

(O'Hagen & Hardwick, 2017)



Access to Treatment

- OAT is only available to individuals who have previously been prescribed it prior to incarceration
- Waitlists
- Staff stigma
- Recovery programs are insufficient



Trauma-Informed Approach

- Strength-based practices within prisons
- Majority of people incarcerated have comorbid mental health concerns
- Educating prison staff on being trauma-informed to decrease stigma
- Increased rehabilitation rather than strict punishments like isolation



News Articles

<https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.6271915>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/article/70-of-accidental-deaths-in-bc-prisons-due-to-toxic-drugs-coroners-report/>

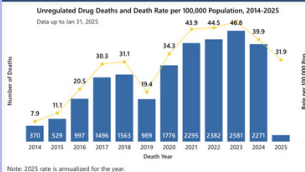
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Statistics

Unregulated Drug Deaths - BC



Gambling

Barriers include:

- Lack of supports
 - Not being taken seriously
 - Conflicting schedules
 - Stigmatization
 - Lack of awareness
- (Tordal et al, 2024)



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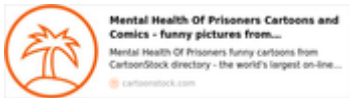
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