

MYTH

VERSUS

REALITY

EVIDENCE ON SAFER OPIOID SUPPLY

Myth

Safer Supply harms people.

Reality

Evidence demonstrates that people are dying from a toxic illegal drug supply.

Safer supply can save lives by giving people who are currently using drugs an alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply.

Myth

Over prescribing caused the overdose crisis. Prescribing more will make it worse.

Reality

Safer Supply is designed for people who are at high risk of overdose due to a volatile, unregulated drug supply. it is NOT the same thing as over prescribing.

This crisis was caused by a combination of factors, over-prescribing alone is not the sole cause of this crisis.

Myth

There is no evidence that safer supply helps people.

Reality

Evidence shows that prescribed safer supply can help people - as long as it reaches them and meets their needs.

Studies have shown that safer supply helps people engage in their health care and reduce illegal drug use and other illegal activities