

HOW TO REMOTE SPOT SOMEONE WHO USES DRUGS

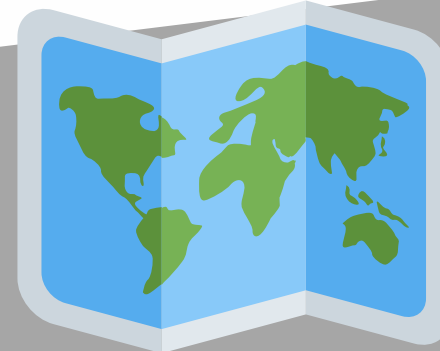
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POST/ VOCALIZE YOUR POSITION

Let folks know they can come to you

REASONS WHY SOMEONE WOULD ASK:

They feel unsure about their drugs or drug use ♥ Don't have someone to use with
♥ Need a friend ♥ Don't have access to "in person" supervised consumption ♥
Don't feel comfortable using in front of others



CONSIDER THE LIMITATIONS

LOCATION: Can you get to them in case of emergency? Do they live in a remote/rural area?

BE CLEAR WITH THE PERSON YOU'RE SPOTTING ABOUT YOUR OWN COMFORT AND NEEDS:

ie) "Can you turn down your music" ♥ "Can you turn your lights on"
"Can you give me your address and directions to your location"
"What is the emergency response number in your area"

SAFETY PLANNING

Develop an Overdose Safety plan with the individual that takes into account their personal values, beliefs and experiences.

ASK QUESTIONS RELATED TO OVERDOSE RESPONSE:

What drug are you using? ♥ How much? ♥ What route?

Is there someone near you who could respond to an overdose faster than 911?

Who are your community first responders?

SPEAK UP!

If you are not comfortable with their overdose plan, **LET THEM KNOW!** Don't agree to keep someone safe if you're not able to.

CALLING 911 FOR AN OVERDOSE MEANS POLICE MAY ALSO ATTEND,
TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN MAKING YOUR SAFETY PLAN

ALWAYS BE COMPASSIONATE, NON-JUDGEMENTAL AND OPEN

