

Differences between Opioid Prevention Sites (OPSs) and Supervised Consumption Facility (SCFs)

OPS	SCF
Were opened without federal exemption in communities in response increase overdose deaths.	Supervised injection sites (SISs) or SCFs are “legally sanctioned and supervised facilities designed to reduce the health and public order problems associated with illegal injection drug use
Sites are opened while awaiting response from Federal Government for approval for SCF.	Require federal approval to ensure public health and safety requirements are met. Specific requirements need to be met for application i.e. applicant information and statement, policies and procedures (staff responsibilities, disposal procedures, record keeping, site security), financial plan, site floor plan, consultation report (from surveys and community consultations), and letter of support from Health Minister.
Were usually volunteer run.	Staffing complement of nurses, counsellors, peers etc. Paid positions.
Provinces experiencing a public health emergency can now request an exemption under federal law for temporary overdose prevention sites with a plan to apply for an SCF.	Permanent site.
Will now be funded by Federal Government (Dec 7, 2017)	Funded based on submitted financial plan.