



## Safe Consumption Spaces Will Save Lives in Indiana

Last year, overdose death killed more Americans than in the entire 20 years of the Vietnam war. Overdose rates are now at record levels, killing more than 1500 Hoosiers last year.

This epidemic is touching every member of the Bloomington community. **But together, we can help end it and save lives.**

Safe Consumption Spaces (SCSs), also known as safe injection facilities (SIFS), safe injection sites, or drug consumption rooms, have been saving lives around the world for over 30 years. There are now over 100 sites worldwide. There have been millions of injections at these sites and zero overdose deaths.

SCSs are safe, clean spaces where people can use previously obtained drugs under the supervision of healthcare professionals who provide support, safe and sterile equipment, and overdose prevention.

This proven and positive solution will reduce deaths and medical issues, restore public safety and community spaces, and connect drug users with resources for treatment.

SCSs do not provide drugs, allow the sale of drugs, or condone drug use in any way. Studies have shown that SCSs do not encourage drug use. In fact, they encourage treatment and allow people who use drugs to stay alive so that they may have the opportunity for recovery. They also reduce public drug use and discarded syringes in communities surrounding SCSs and increase public safety.

**We need your help to hold our leaders accountable and to make sure this effort does not get stuck in government bureaucracy.**

What can YOU do:

- ✓ Go to [indianarecoveryalliance.org](https://indianarecoveryalliance.org) to learn more about Harm Reduction responses as an evidence-based, proven way to save lives and improve public safety.
- ✓ Follow Indiana Recovery Alliance on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed about this important, lifesaving opportunity with your community.
- ✓ Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yesinscs> and sign our petition.

**Safer is better. It's time for Monroe County to say Yes to SCS.**