

## WHAT IS HARM REDUCTION?

Harm Reduction refers to policies, program's and practices that aim primarily to reduce the adverse health, social and economic consequences of the use of licit and illicit substances without necessarily reducing drug consumption. Harm reduction benefits people who use drugs, their families and the community.

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs

### **NSEP:**

Needle & Syringe Exchange Program:

**Monday – Friday: 10am – 3pm**

(Corner of Spencer and Rose Street. Enter from rear carpark entrance)

**Mobile NSEP: Ph: 0418739372**

The mobile NSEP service operates at the following locations in the South-West

**Margaret River Hospital:**

**Tuesdays 3-4pm**

**Harvey Hospital:**

**Wednesdays 1-2pm**

**Collie Hospital:**

**Wednesdays 3-4pm**

**Busselton Hospital:**

**Tuesdays 5-7pm**

**Manjimup Hospital:**

**Thursdays 12-1pm**

**Postal Service:**

Please contact our Perth offices on (08) 9325 8387 for more information about the WASUA postal service if you cannot attend our office or our van sites.

**Contact us:**

**97 Spencer Street, Bunbury, 6230**

**Phone: (08) 9791 6699**

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**Phone: (08) 9325 8387**

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## WHO ARE WE?

### Our Role

WASUA is the only peer based, not for profit, community-based harm reduction organisation that represents the needs and concerns of people who use or have used drugs, in WA.

WASUA provides peer based support, information and education, advocacy and harm reduction services and services aimed at reducing the transmission of Blood Borne Viruses and other harms associated with drug use amongst the community in WA.

#### SERVICES AT A GLANCE:

- **Needle & Syringe Exchange Program**
- **Mobile Needle & Syringe Exchange Program**
- **Peer Based Harm Reduction Education**
- **Overdose Prevention**
- **Safe Disposal Education**
- **Hepatitis C Education**
- **Pharmacotherapy Advocacy**

**WASUA Vision:**

A truly inclusive society where all voices are heard, people are treated fairly and have equitable opportunities regardless of their choice to use drugs

**WASUA Mission:**

The Western Australian Substance Users Association (WASUA) works to advance the health, dignity and social justice of people who use drugs in Western Australia

**Services:****NSEP:**

The needle and syringe exchange program operates on a one for one exchange basis or for a fee when equipment is not returned.

**Mobile NSEP:**

The needle and syringe exchange program operates a mobile service which operates at sites around the Southwest to improve access to NSEP for consumers in remote areas of the Southwest.

**Peer Based Harm Reduction Education:**

Advice, information and referrals to reduce the harms associated with injecting drug use including the prevention of transmission of BBV's (Blood Borne Virus) Hepatitis C and HIV.

**Overdose Prevention:**

Advice, information and training to manage, prevent and reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

**Safe Disposal Education:**

Disposal containers are provided at each transaction. WASUA's Safe Disposal Program is available to provide advice and education to consumers and other agencies regarding how to manage and prevent safe disposal issues.

**Hepatitis C Education:**

NSEP Workers provide support and information in relation to prevention of Hepatitis C and make referrals, where appropriate, for testing and for the provision of treatment.

**Pharmacotherapy Advocacy:**

Opioid replacement pharmacotherapy advocacy and complaints service.

**Check out our website:**

[www.wasua.com.au](http://www.wasua.com.au)