

Safe Spaces: Evaluating Supervised Injection Programs

The Basics

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| ✓ Clean supplies for drug usage | ✓ Available across Europe, Canada, Australia |
| ✓ Overdose care by medical staff | ✗ Ruled illegal by U.S. Appellate Court in 2024 |
| ✓ Treatment referrals | ✗ Not associated with increases in crime |



TAKEAWAYS

- Safe injection sites show great promise abroad and in two U.S. sites but have not been adopted widely due to U.S. policies and laws.
- Technological advances have created virtual alternatives and add-ons to safe injection sites, including:
 - overdose detection and prevention wearables
 - hotline services like “Never Use Alone”
 - apps like Canary and iKeep



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