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| The Salvation Army Ministry Unit Policy and Procedure Manual |
| Procedure: Clients Access to Harm Reduction Products | Effective date: |
| Section: Sheltering Program | Revision date: |

#### ***Disclaimer:***

*The information contained in this sample is intended to be a starting point for ministry units to develop their own localized version of this policy. Please connect with your Regional Consultant, if you seek additional assistance in policy and procedure development.*

*When localizing this policy, please consider:*

* *What is your ministry unit’s intention in this policy?*
* *What is the specific procedure that is in practice at your ministry unit?*
* *Who are the stakeholders of this policy?*
* *How is feedback/consultation included in this policy?*

## **Policy**

***The Salvation Army Ministry Unit*** recognizes that harm reduction is a component of recovery for some people and acknowledges that abstinence may not always be feasible given the complex realities surrounding substance use. Harm reduction products will be made available to shelter clients.

## **Procedure**

**The Salvation Army *Ministry Unit*** will create a therapeutic environment where drugs and alcohol are not permitted on-site except for those harm reduction products supplied by local public health agencies or by contract with another service provider.

**The Salvation Army *Ministry Unit’s*** operating/service agreement will guide the provision of harm reduction products and its compliance.

Methadone, Suboxone and other Opioid Agonist Treatments (OATS) will be stored on behalf of clients who have a prescription, treated in the same manner as other prescription medications, as per **The Salvation Army *Ministry Unit’s*** medication policies and procedures.

Clients seeking other harm reduction products and other harm reduction programs, such as safe injection sites, managed alcohol, and heroin maintenance, not provided by the ministry unit will be referred to harm reduction agencies in the local community.

Reference:

* Harm Reduction Guidelines