

THIS IS US

We treat our community with the compassion and understanding we've needed ourselves. Our work is grounded in evidence-based public health, social justice, and direct action. We do our best to be good to each other and to be vocal about social misconceptions and hatred.

We speak up about injustice and keep our boots on the ground through direct action. We believe in the rights, dignity, and autonomy of people who use drugs, sex workers, and street-involved people. This is our community. We are current and former PWUD, sex workers, street-involved people, and loved ones.

STREET CATS YYC

CONTACT

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE SOBER, PURSUING RECOVERY, OR READY TO MAKE CHANGES TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM US.

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**STREET CATS
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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

HARM REDUCTION NIGHTREACH



WHAT WE PROVIDE

NIGHTREACH

Every Wednesday evening in the Calgary downtown area from 7:30pm until supplies run out

INDIVIDUAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

- Resource navigation & referral
- Naloxone administration & education
- Harm reduction education
- Crisis management & de-escalation
- Peer support
- Basic first aid and wound care
- Post-prison care packages
- Encampment outreach

MATERIAL SUPPORTS

Health & Safety

- Naloxone (IM & nasal)
- Harm reduction supplies
- Safer sex supplies
- Wound care & first aid

Basic Needs

- Food & fluids
- Clothing
- Hygiene supplies
- Warming gear
- Cigarettes

OUR GOALS



MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT

We go to people rather than expecting them to come to us. When support only exists behind office doors, there's countless reasons people can be left out. Street outreach changes that relationship. We enter people's spaces as guests, meet them on their terms, and build trust by showing up consistently.

ADVOCATE & REDUCE STIGMA

As people directly impacted by drug use, homelessness, sex work, and criminalization, we know how stigma shapes the way people are seen, spoken about, and treated. We challenge narratives that blame or dehumanize people for the circumstances they're living through, and push back when harmful language, policies, and practices further marginalize our communities.

We use our voices to advocate alongside people, while centering lived experience and respecting people as the experts in their own lives. We believe reducing stigma means more than changing our words. It means challenging the systems and conditions that create harm, exclusion, and inequality in the first place.

EDUCATE

We share practical knowledge that helps people support themselves and others. This includes in-person and online learning about harm reduction, safety, and community care.

WHAT HARM REDUCTION MEANS

TO US

Supporting people without trying to control them, and recognizing that safety looks different for everyone.

Pushing back against abandonment and stigma. Confronting the realities of racism, poverty, colonization, and criminalization, and how these systems create harm in the first place.

HARM REDUCTION IS INSEPARABLE FROM MOVEMENTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE, INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY, TRANS RIGHTS, DISABILITY JUSTICE, AND THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE PRISON SYSTEM. WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT HARM WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE STRUCTURES THAT CAUSE IT.

At its core, harm reduction is care without conditions. It doesn't require people to be perfect, ready to change, or even to want change. It simply says everyone deserves dignity, safety, and compassion.

HARM REDUCTION, AT HEART, IS LOVE THAT SHOWS UP

EVEN WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD.

