

# **Toxic Drug Health Alerts**

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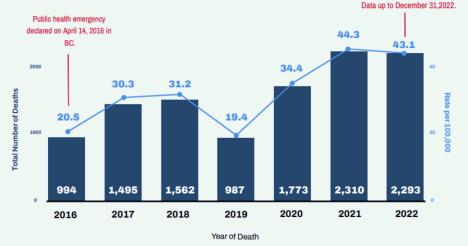
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#### Healthcare challenge

Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2022



Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths and Death Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: BC Coroner's Service

- In 2016, BC issued a public health emergency in response to the unregulated drug poisoning crisis
- Over 11,400 people have since lost their lives to the toxic drug supply
- Partnership with BCCDC to implement provincial low barrier solution for the public to receive toxic drug alerts and harm reduction resources





### **Existing barriers**

Implementing provincial infrastructure for diverse and independent health authorities

Sign up for toxic drug alerts

Text **JOIN** to **253787** 

Standard message rates may apply

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Text **JOIN** for toxic drug alerts
Text **OD** to tell us about a toxic drug event
Standard message rates may apply

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ALERTS

Building trust with subscribers

Addressing **technical issues** and making improvements





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Authority

Source: BC Ministry of Health

Vancouver Coastal Health Vancouver Island Health

## **Solution – Toxic Drug & Health Alerts**

1 provincial platform

5 health authorities

**5** separate dashboards

5678 subscribers

71 SMS alerts 48 OD reports

