

Harm Reduction Resources in Orange County, NC

For more information: <https://www.orangecountync.gov/HarmReduction>

The purpose of harm reduction is to decrease risk.

Harm reduction seeks to “meet people where they are”, provide the tools that they need to be safe and keep the community safe, and build relationships in order to be available to help support as needed in the future.

Methods include:

- **Safe syringe programs**
- **Naloxone distribution and training for overdose prevention**
- **Medication assisted treatment (methadone and buprenorphine)**
- **Outreach that includes harm reduction education and connections to treatment, if desired.**

Harm reduction methods keep the community as a whole safer.

Where to get Naloxone, Safe Syringes & Harm Reduction Materials:

Orange County Health Department

Offers free Naloxone kits and training by appointment at 2 locations:
Call (919) 245-2400.

<https://www.orangecountync.gov/1780/Overdose-Prevention>

Orange County Emergency Services

If you are over 18 you can request a Narcan kit from any active Orange County ambulance. Text (919) 441-2659

Free Vending Machines

Orange County Detention Center, open 24/7
1200 US 70 West, Hillsborough, NC
Narcan vending machine in lobby

Orange County Southern Human Services, open 8am-5pm
2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC
Narcan and Fentanyl test strips vending machine in lobby

The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

The NCHRC offers Naloxone to active IV drug users, people on medication-assisted treatment, people who are formerly incarcerated with a history of opiate use, people engaged in sex work or people who identify as transgender. If you fit these criteria and would like access to a kit, please contact Loftin Wilson at loftin@nchrc.org

Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department

The Lantern Project distributes Naloxone kits to justice involved individuals in Orange County.

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SOHRAD: Street Outreach, Harm Reduction & Deflection Program
sohrad@orangecounty.gov, (919) 886-3351

LRC: Local Reentry Council
Benjamin Gear: bgear@orangecountync.gov

Local Pharmacies: Narcan can be purchased without a prescription at many local pharmacies and at any CVS or Walgreens, for same-day pickup or delivery

UNC Campus Health distributes Naloxone to students for free without a prescription

Campus Health Pharmacy, open M-F, 9am-5pm

Student Stores Pharmacy, open M-F, 9am-6pm

The Orange County Health Department provides syringes and disposal bins. Walk-ins welcomed Monday - Friday 8:30am -4:30 pm. Please note hours of operation can fluctuate, call in advance (919) 245-2400

Whitted Building 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278
Southern Building 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
<https://www.orangecountync.gov/1051/Syringe-Exchange>

Orange County Emergency Services

People over 18 can request a sterile syringe kit from any active Orange County ambulance. Disposal available.

Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)

The SHAC team distributes harm reduction supplies including syringes, bandages, antibiotic ointment, masks, hand sanitizer, and Narcan at IFC in Carrboro every Tuesday. They also offer safe disposal of syringes.

IFC (Inter Faith Council), 2nd Floor
110 W. Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510

<https://www.med.unc.edu/shac/> or email shac_ssp@med.unc.edu

NC Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC)

Contact: Loftin (919) 370-0671; loftin@nchrc.org
Mobile exchange on Wednesdays 1pm-6pm, call or text for locations.

Fixed-site exchange on Fridays, 3:00 – 6:00 pm at 1209 N. Elizabeth St in Durham, inside the office of Recovery Community of Durham

Starting Point Rural Harm Reduction Collective

Startingpointnrhc@gmail.com

Mobile delivery available 7 days a week. Call or Text (919)590-9512 for delivery. Safe syringes and disposal. Deliver anywhere in Orange County, NC.

Safe Injection advice from NC Harm Reduction Coalition: <https://www.nchrc.org/harm-reduction/safer-injection-drug-use/>

FIT: Formerly Incarcerated Transition Program

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