



# SAFE MISSION

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Understanding Respect Hope Humour Joy  
Unconditional Love Building Connections  
Compassion Non-judgement Inclusion

## Our Story

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We met weekly, created a name for the group, mission statement and values, held rallies and education events. In January of 2023 we incorporated as a non profit organization. We join many other advocacy groups in the province with a long history of advocating for evidence based policy, implementing life-saving harm reduction strategies and changing community attitudes for the better.

We invite people with lived/living experience to join us. We gather to support each other, to plan and lead community projects to realize these goals: Safety, Advocacy, Friendship, Experience and Education.

**Meetings: Thursdays 2 –3:30pm**

**Place: Mission Friendship Centre**

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