

HARM
REDUCTION
SAVES LIVES

**WHY HARM REDUCTION
NEEDS TO BE
GENDER SENSITIVE**

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AS A WOMAN WHO USES DRUGS [...]

[...]
you are likely to experience more **stigmatisation** and **criminalisation** than a man who uses drugs

[...]
your children may not be allowed in treatment centres

[...]
you are more likely to experience **intimate partner violence** than a woman who doesn't use drugs


[...]
you are often **second on the needle** if you inject drugs

[...]
you have a higher **mortality rate** than a man who uses drugs

[...]
your **risk of contracting HIV** can be **twice as high** as for a man who uses drugs

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All these specific discriminations highlight the necessity of Harm Reduction services considering women with their needs.

HARM REDUCTION NEEDS TO BE GENDER SENSITIVE TO REALLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON WOMEN'S LIVES.

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