

Consider the language you use when referring to use of alcohol and other drugs (AOD)

Choosing language that reflects and empowers individual experiences, is not sensationalised, is understandable and is adapted to individual preferences or audience is recommended.

Preferred

- ✓ Person who uses drugs; he has an addiction to alcohol; a person who uses cannabis'
- ✓ Person with a dependence on drugs; substance use
- ✓ Person who no longer uses drugs
- ✓ Respond to or address drug use in the community'
- ✓ Increased rates of use crystal methamphetamine use; concerning rates of substance use
- ✓ Intoxicated

Problematic

- ✗ Addict; junkie; crackhead; a drunk; alcoholic; pot-smoker
- ✗ Drug habit
- ✗ Clean; ex-addict
- ✗ Fight or combat drugs; war on drugs
- ✗ Ice epidemic
- ✗ Life of the party