

# What is the WINS program?

Statistics are based on monthly averages from January 2021 – December 2022

## Working to Improve Neighbourhood Safety (WINS)

a needle recovery and harm reduction outreach program operated by Sanguen Health Centre.

### How does WINS work?

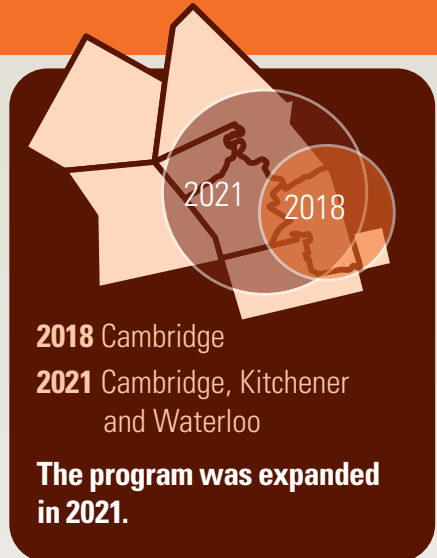
#### Community Clean-up

Specially trained peer workers routinely cover routes across the community to find and safely dispose of sharps and other used harm reduction supplies. They focus on areas with the highest need.



**2028** needles collected per month

**384** glass pipes collected per month



#### Outreach

WINS peer workers are trusted sources of information and support to many individuals in the community, including local business and individuals who use substances. They contribute to positive community outcomes by providing resources and harm reduction supplies, education on safe disposal and facilitating connections and referrals.

**690** harm reduction supplies distributed each month

**28** sharps disposal containers distributed each month



**45** referrals to community organizations each month.



#### Employment Opportunities

Peer workers have lived or living experience with substance use. These individuals often face barriers to traditional employment.

**60+** peers workers hired



**371** average hours per month worked by peers



### What should you do if you find a needle or harm reduction supplies?



Call 519-575-4400

For information on the safe disposal of needles and sharps, please visit [regionofwaterloo.ca/SafeSharpsDisposal](https://regionofwaterloo.ca/SafeSharpsDisposal)

The WINS Program is a partnership between the Region of Waterloo Public Health, Sanguen Health Centre and the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo. Do you have questions about the about the WINS program? Email [wins@sanguen.com](mailto:wins@sanguen.com)



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