



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
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Continuum of Care for the City & County of Racine (WI-502)
Policy for Advancing Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement

- The Continuum of Care for the City & County of Racine (Racine Alliance) prohibits CoC-funded housing projects from:
 - Operating drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites”; or
 - Knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control.
- If a CoC-funded housing project is determined to be in violation of the above, either during monitoring or through complaints, they will be provided with training and technical assistance to comply with the policy. For repeated violations, the CoC-funded housing project may be recommended for reallocation in the next funding process.
- The Racine Alliance believes that program participants should be connected to resources that will help them meet their goals. Staff within CoC-funded housing projects will be aware of and make referrals to local substance use disorder treatment and recovery housing options, as appropriate.

From Racine CoC/ HOPES Center Street Outreach Standards:

Emergency Situations During Street Outreach

In the event that an emergency situation is encountered during street outreach, the team will discontinue its regular outreach activities, address the situation in an appropriate manner as quickly as possible, and complete an incident report at the end of the shift.

- a. ***Encountering a Safety threat:*** In the event of a safety threat, the team will leave the area as quickly as possible, using the Safety Code word (Elmer) if necessary. If the situation was clearly life threatening and related to criminal or otherwise illegal activity, the team leader will call the police to report the incident as appropriate
- b. ***Sustaining Injury or Accident or Encountering an Injured Person:*** If someone from the team is injured during the course of outreach, the team will take the person to the hospital if appropriate or call 911 for emergency service providers to assist. If the team encounters a 3rd party who is in need of immediate medical attention, the team leader will call 911 to report the situation.
- c. ***Encountering a Person in Distress:*** If the street outreach team encounters someone in distress, it will attempt to assess and de-escalate the situation as quickly as possible. If this is not possible, the team will call the Crisis Hotline or other appropriate responder (911 or Racine Dispatch – Police Non-Emergency).
- d. ***Encountering a Deceased Person:*** If the street outreach team encounters a deceased person, it will call 911 to report the situation, it will attempt to maintain the integrity of the site and wait until emergency responders arrive.
- e. ***Preparing an Incident Report:*** Following an emergency situation encountered during street outreach, the team leader will complete a separate incident report describing the situation, those involved in the situation, the course of action taken by street outreach and the result. One copy of the incident report will be provided to the executive director and a second copy attached to the shift report corresponding to when the incident took place.

Another section of the standards highlights that Street Outreach is NOT an emergency service, with this caveat:

- a. ***(NOT) An emergency service:*** Street outreach team members have crisis intervention training, will contact and coordinate with emergency service or crisis service providers as needed when an emergency situation is encountered during the course of street outreach, and specifically undertake street outreach during extreme weather conditions. Street outreach is not, however, an emergency response service. People experiencing a life-threatening emergency should call 9-1-1. People in or observing a situation that might require a welfare check, or other intervention should call the police non-emergency or Racine County Crisis Hotline number.