

## PLAN FOR THE COLD

Information for People Who Use Drugs





Emergency homeless shelters are open 24 hours a day in Boston during extreme cold.



Stay inside some place warm.



If a person appears passed out, call 911. Falling asleep outside in extreme cold can be deadly.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Physical health, mental health, and the effects of substance use can be worsened by extreme cold. Seek medical care early if you feel unwell.
- Impaired consciousness decreases the ability to sense and respond to temperature changes, and increases the risk of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Hypothermia is a serious condition caused by prolonged exposure to cold. It can occur indoors as well as outdoors. Warm your body, keep dry, and call 9-1-1 if needed.

## **RESOURCES**

1)

AHOPE provides harm reduction services for active substance use.

2

PAATHS has walk-in services, providing access to treatment placement and information regarding treatment. 3

Keep warm at the BPHC Engagement Center on Southampton Street.

For more information on these resources, call 3-1-1 or visit boston.gov/cold