



Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety (HECS) Quebec Region

Health Canada plays an important role in the promotion of healthy and safe living, working and recreational environments, notably by reducing health problems caused by tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, environmental contaminants and unsafe consumer and industrial products.

We are pleased to provide this information document outlining the programs and services offered by Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety (HECS), Quebec Region.

Should you have questions or comments, please get in touch with us via the contact information at the end of this document.

Happy reading!

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The following is an overview of the programs that guide our activities in the region:

Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme

- This programme supports and promotes community initiatives to prevent and reduce harm associated with the abuse of controlled substances through the administration of a contribution program. Its Drugs Analysis Service provides data from the analysis of drugs seized during police operations and shuts down clandestine laboratories.

Product Safety Programme

- This programme is responsible for the inspection of consumer product safety and manages a compliance and enforcement programme. It provides information while increasing awareness and educating the public and various stakeholders of current safety standards and health risks and safety standards associated with children's products, consumer products such as household products (including chemical products), cosmetics (including personal care products) and new chemical substances.

Workplace Health and Public Safety Programme

- This programme conducts evaluations and provides services to protect the occupational health and safety of federal workers, and the health of visiting dignitaries and the travelling public in Canada. It helps federal departments apply the Treasury Board Policy on Occupational Safety and Health and provides public health services, as well as employee assistance services.

Tobacco Control Programme

- This programme regulates the manufacture, sale, labelling and promotion of tobacco products. It develops and implements initiatives to deter the use of tobacco products and oversees public education activities. It also administers a contribution program that supports community-based anti-smoking activities.

Safe Environments Programme

- This programme conducts assessments and provides advice and opinions on the health impacts of projects subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and on implementation of the *Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan*. It contributes to regional preparedness for nuclear emergencies.

It provides training on human health risk assessment methods and procedures, and informs the public and various stakeholders of environmental health issues such as air and water quality and climate change.

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