

Responding to Challenging Situations Related to the Use of Psychostimulants: A Practical Guide



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Summary: This guide was developed for frontline workers working in alcohol and other drug settings, particularly those without a clinical or professional background. This resource can be used as a basis for modifying or reviewing existing practices for responding to challenging situations related to the use of **psychostimulants**, including [crystal methamphetamine \('ice'\)](#). Strategies for minimising the likelihood of challenging situations arising, responding when these situations do occur, and reviewing the management of those situations are provided.

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[Access the Psychostimulant Guidelines for Frontline Workers: Responding to Challenging Situations](#)