

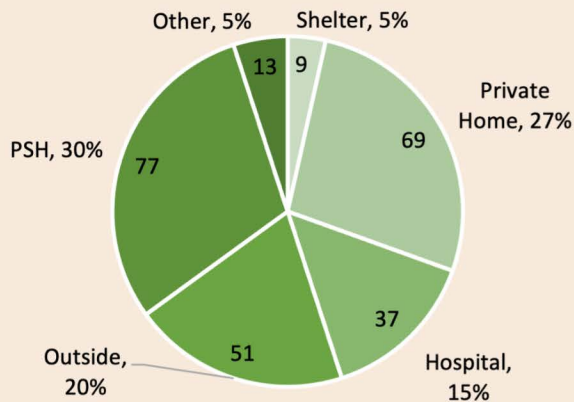
DRUG-FREE SIDEWALKS

Drug-tolerant Housing Kills

30% of overdose fatalities take place in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

San Francisco is mandated to allow illicit drug use inside PSH units under California's Welfare & Institutions code.

Overdose Fatalities, January-April
2025

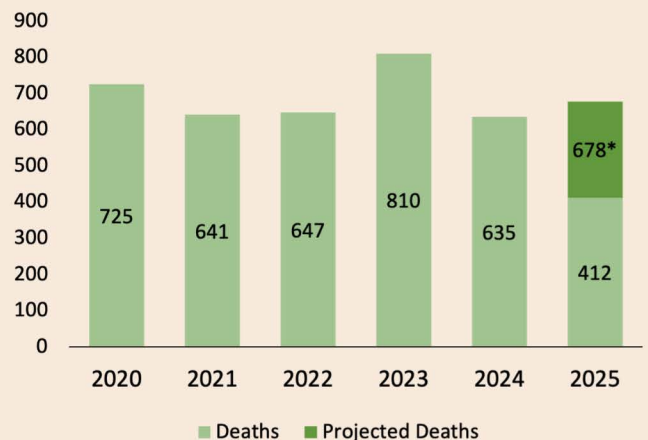


Source: @gina_mcdee, SFOCME

Overdose fatalities rates are unprecedented.

San Francisco had 191 overdose fatalities in 2015, and it is projected to reach 722 in 2025—nearly four times as many fatalities in just a decade. Overdose fatalities have remained consistently high in recent years despite our city spending billions on drug policies.

Overdose Fatalities



Source: SFOCME (through May 2025)

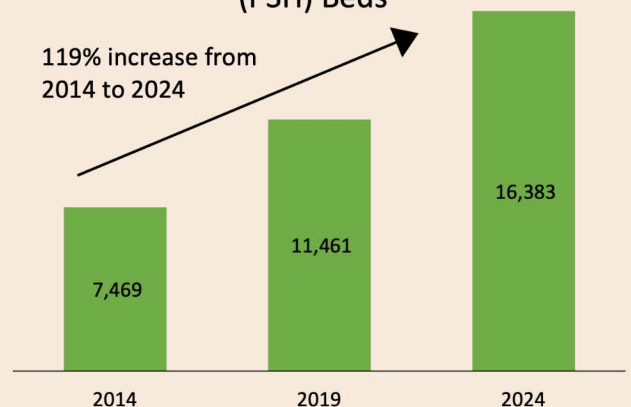
PSH beds have doubled in the last decade.

PSH does not incentivize people into recovery. We need fewer PSH beds, and more beds that lead to recovery.

San Francisco needs to allow drug-free housing options to support people in recovery, and for housing-unstable individuals and families who deserve a drug-free place to live.

Permanent Supportive Housing
(PSH) Beds

119% increase from
2014 to 2024



Source: HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory

Please join us in putting an end to open-air drug use and curbing the overdose death epidemic.

Glossary

"Permanent Supportive Housing" (PSH) is a type of government subsidized, affordable housing. In San Francisco, PSH is funded through federal, state, and city funds; there are no requirements for sobriety or treatment for at risk individuals who enter PSH.

Who We Are

Drug-Free Sidewalks is a public advocacy organization focused on ending the phenomenon of public drug use in San Francisco.

What We Do

Drug-Free Sidewalks supports communities most impacted by the drug overdose epidemic.

We successfully lobbied for:

- Mayor Lurie to sign the **Recovery First Ordinance** into law, making recovery and abstinence from illicit drugs the official goal of SF drug policies.
- **Full funding of the District Attorney's Office** in the current budget.



Mayor Daniel Lurie signing Supervisor Matt Dorsey's Recovery First Ordinance. May 23, 2025.



DA Brooke Jenkins speaking at the March Against Fentanyl in SOMA. April 24, 2025.

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