

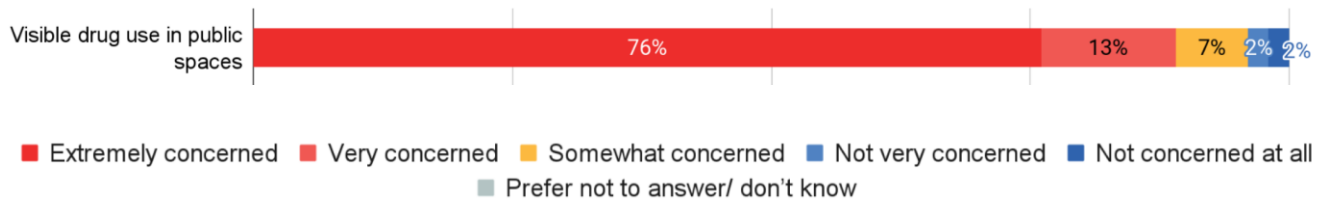
## Safer Public Spaces Background

### *EPS actions and considerations to support Safer Public Spaces*

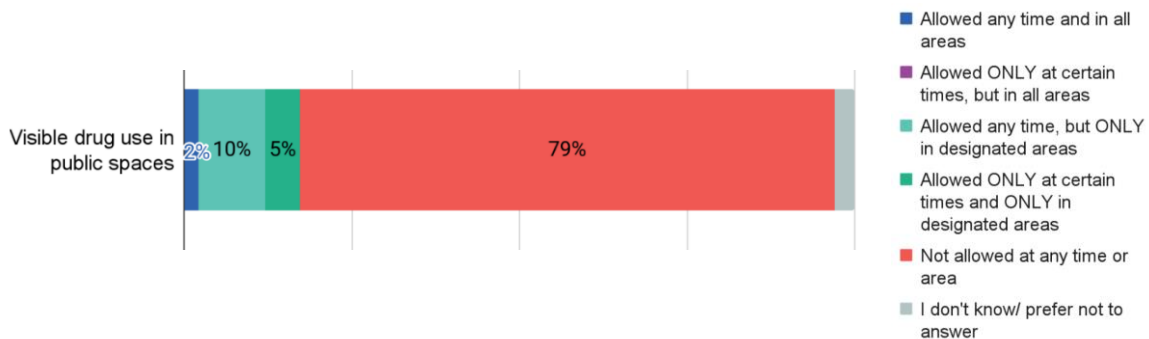
- Higher visibility of police and partners within public spaces.
- Streamlining administrative and judicial processes in partnership with the Government of Alberta, including reporting process.
- Enhanced focus on streamlining criminal intelligence and the most up to date data to inform enforcement targeting and deployments.
- Working and engaging with community partners, health and justice systems to ensure appropriate links to harm reduction strategies for those willing.
- Ongoing focus on crime suppression efforts to disrupt criminal behaviours and reduce victimization.
- A robust process with EPS Professional Standards and Legal Services Branches that ensures appropriate accountability mechanisms, but also that officers are supported when lawfully placed.
- Educating the public on placement of activities, and regular correction of misinformation regarding EPS activities.
- Increased transparency for officers and the public through adoption of body-worn camera for all front-line officers in line with provincial direction.

### *City of Edmonton 2023 Public Spaces Bylaw review*

In recent public engagement conducted by the City of Edmonton, respondents indicated that drug use was a key concern in public spaces, with 89% saying they were *very to extremely* concerned.



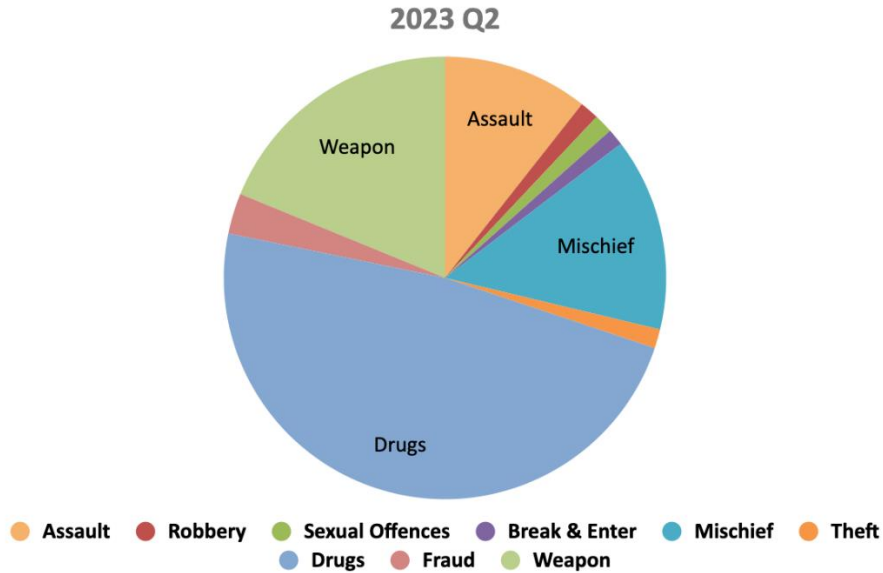
When asked about regulation options, 79% of respondents indicated that visible drug use in public spaces should not be allowed at any time.



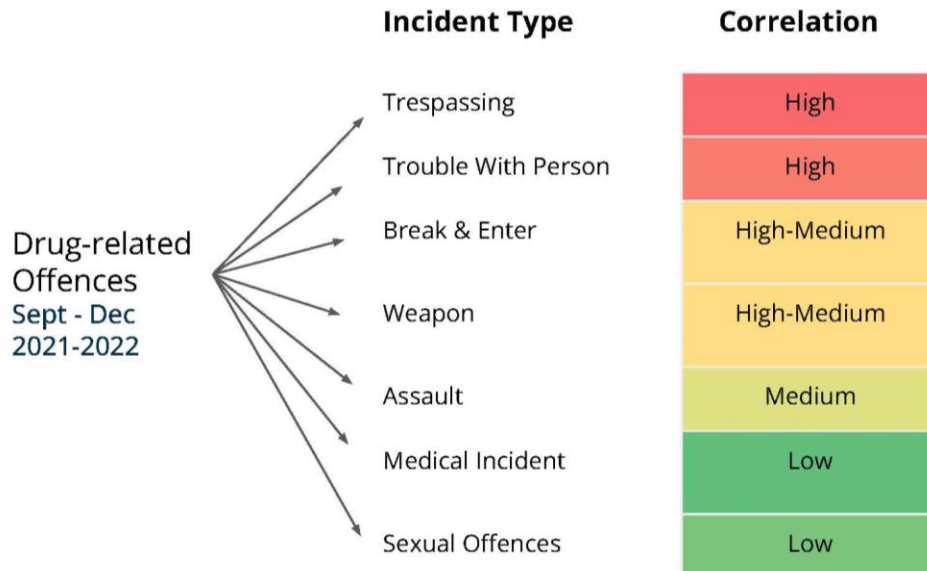
Figures and data taken from the City of Edmonton's 2023 [Public Spaces Bylaw Review – What We Heard Report](#)

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In Q2 of 2023, drug-related incidents made up 48% of total criminal incidents on LRT, followed by weapons (19%), mischief (14%) and assault (11%).



Using data sets from September to December for the past two years, drug-related incidents on LRT are correlated to other criminal activity, with the highest correlation in trespassing and trouble with person incidents, then break and enter, weapons and assault.



Figures and data taken from the August 2023 [Verbal Update to City Council on the Transit Safety Plan and the Downtown Core](#)