



Cut and fold the wallet-sized resource below for a quick reference on which words to use, and which to avoid, when referencing substance use disorder.

1. Cut along the black outline



 • Opioid replacement, methadone maintenance • Former/reformed addict/alcoholic • A clean/dirty drug screen • Drug abuse/abuser • Drug problem/habit • Alcoholic • Addict
Words Matter: Words to avoid
Words Matter: Words to use • Person with substance use disorder • Person with alcohol use disorder • Substance use disorder • Drug misuse, harmful use • Testing negative/positive for substance use • Person in (long-term) recovery • Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)




2. Fold here