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Lecture:

Psychedelic Emergency and High-Risk Situations

Harm Reduction services offered at Boom Festival include a range of full-spectrum interventions such as peer-to-peer information, state-of-the-art drug checking services and psychedelic emergency. Following the tragic events of 2016, when two drug-related deaths took place at the festival, we will discuss the implications these events have had to the recent Boom Festival edition and present the new strategies implemented at the festival. Also parting from the 2018 edition of Boom Festival we will present the challenges that the service was faced upon and give context concerning the approach used to deal with them. We will finally discuss a range of factors that are likely to influence the ability to deal with high-risk situations (for health and for mental health) from the perspective of what is possible and what is not possible to control at these types of settings.