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## Street wise health advice

### Young homeless people now have a new resource to help with surviving on the street.

Young homeless people can fall between the cracks when seeking help for physical or mental health problems. In an effort to reduce the fragmentation young people face when trying to access services, University of Melbourne researchers have produced a health guide for those who are young, homeless and at risk.

“674- A pocket guide to keeping well on the street” was launched at Frontyard Young People’s Health Service by Dr Rob Moodie, CEO of VicHealth. It contains up to date information on Hepatitis C, mental health, the safe use of injecting drugs, sexually transmitted infections, contraception and pregnancy, plus a list of places where young people can get help.

674? Where did that number come from? 674 is the number of young people who were interviewed as part of *Project i*, the unique longitudinal study of homeless young people in Melbourne and Los Angeles. The voices and perspectives of young people are included in the pocket guide along with key research findings from *Project i*.

Produced by *Project i* researchers, “674” has been distributed to key locations in Melbourne and beyond. The early demand for the booklet has been overwhelming, with 3000 copies distributed within a week of the launch. A reprint is planned.

For copies of the booklet call 8344 4333 or email  
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