

Emergency action

If you think you have put yourself at risk from a needlestick injury, you should;

- 1) Encourage bleeding by squeezing the site.
- 2) Wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- 3) Cover up with a plaster to prevent bacteria from entering the wound.
- 4) Seek immediate medical attention - don't panic, but it is important that you get checked out, you may need to be tested for Hepatitis and HIV, you will be supported through this process.

Sharps bins are available from and can be disposed at:

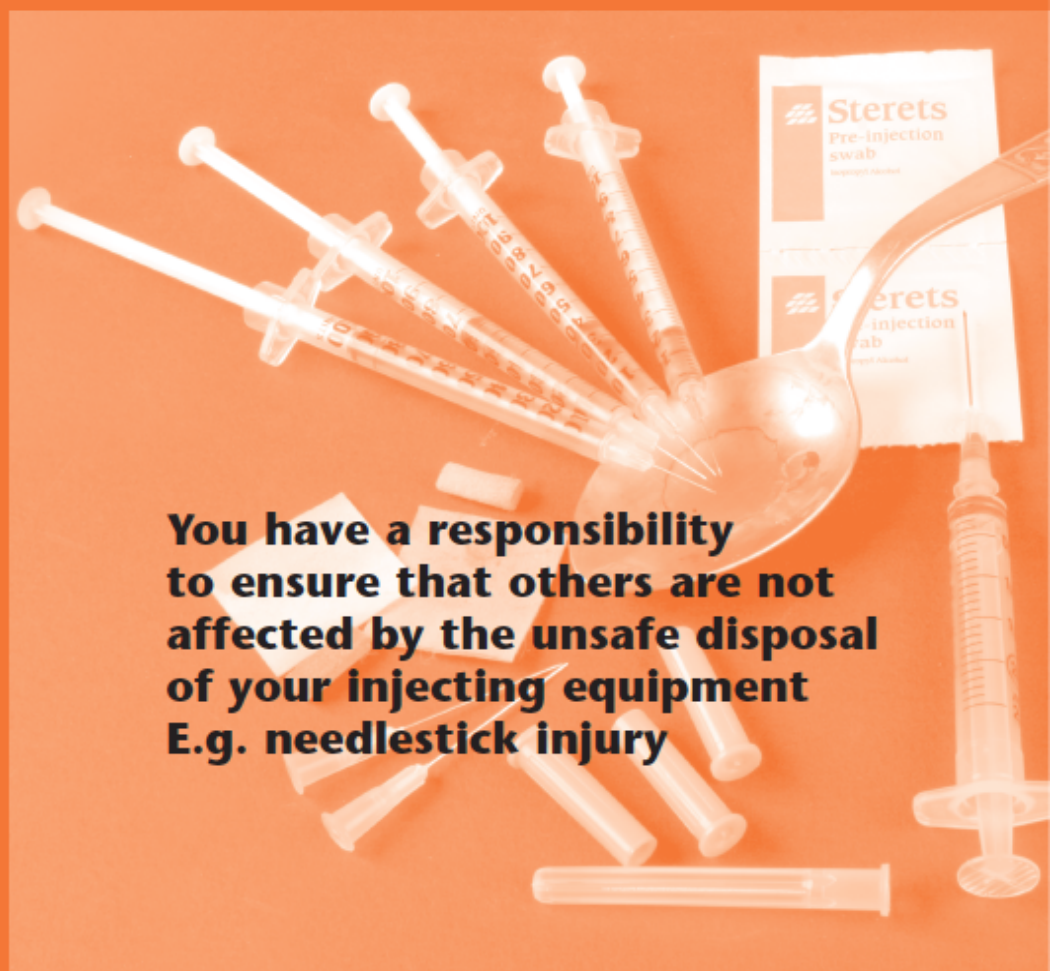
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Boots the Chemist	St Marks Road	Chaddesden	DE23 6AH
Boots the Chemist	Osmaston Road	Allenton	DE24 9AA
Dean & Smedley Pharmacy	Prince Charles Avenue	Mackworth	DE22 4BG
Dean & Smedley Pharmacy	Hollybrook Way	Littleover	DE23 3TZ
Friar Gate Pharmacy	Friar Gate	City Centre	DE1 1FP
Markeaton Pharmacy	Kedleston Road	Markeaton	DE22 1FX
Peartree Pharmacy	St Thomas Road	Normanton	DE23 8RJ
Rosehill Pharmacy	Normanton Road	Normanton	DE23 6UU
Superdrug	Cornmarket	City Centre	DE1 1QH

In addition to the pharmacies above the specialist harm reduction and needle exchange service will continue to be provided from Derby Substance Misuse Service at St Andrews House.

If you are aged under 18, you can access needle exchange support from the Breakout Young Persons Service at Connexions on Curzon Street.

KEEP SAFE

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E.g. needlestick injury**

Be responsible for Safe disposal

Derby City Council, Public Health Directorate
The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS



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Safe Disposal of Injecting Equipment



All used equipment must be disposed of in a sharps bin, this should include: needles, filters, swabs, tissues, spoons, foil, crack pipes, Citric and Vitamin C sachets, water amps etc. The sharps bin should then be returned to your local needle exchange or pharmacy.

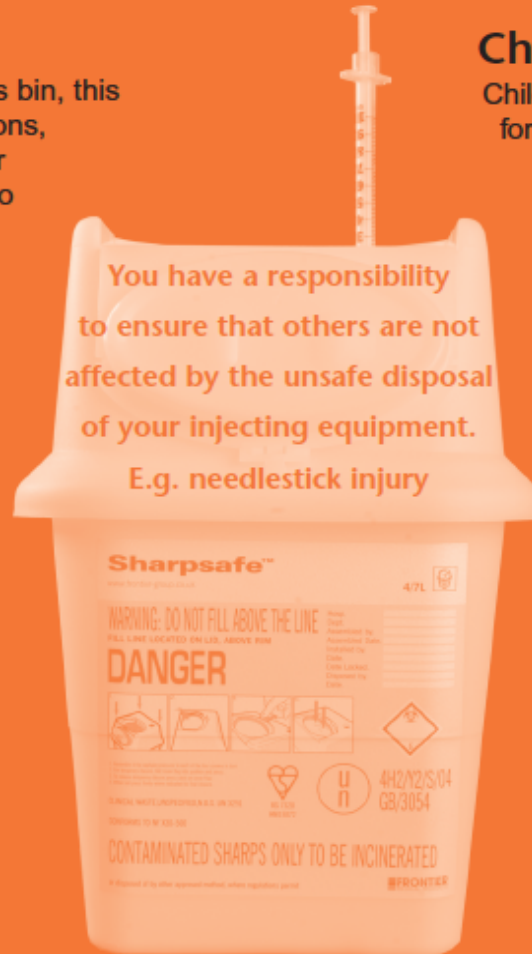
Sharps bins come in all shapes and sizes, from very small pocket bins, which can be easily carried in a bag, to larger 4 and 7litre bins.

Even if you are injecting yourself, it is important to be aware of the risks caused by needle-stick injury. Hepatitis, HIV and other infections may be passed on.

- Never handle other people's works.
- Never share any equipment.
- Always put everything in a sharps bin straight after use.

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Children

Children should not be witness to drug using behaviour, for example seeing you or others injecting.

It is important to be aware that children and babies do not have the same understanding of danger as we do, they are unlikely to be frightened of needles or works, and may attempt to grab them or pick them up.

If you or someone else is using injecting equipment within your home, keep a sharps bin in a locked secure place out of the reach and out of sight of children and make sure all equipment is disposed of immediately.

If you find used works on the street or in your garden – DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP, MOVE OR DISPOSE OF THEM – EVEN IF THEY LOOK CLEAN. Make sure your children do not touch them; there is a risk of becoming infected with Hepatitis and HIV.

Instead call StreetPride on 0333 200 6981 or contact your local Needle Exchange for further advice, making sure that in the meantime children are kept away from the area.

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