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:

- Boots the Chemist
  - intu City Centre DE1 2PL
  - Boots the Chemist
    - St Marks Road Chaddesden DE23 6AH
    - Osmaston Road Allenton DE24 9AA
  - Boots the Chemist
    - Prince Charles Avenue Mackworth DE22 4BG
    - Hollybrook Way Littleover DE23 3TZ
  - Dean & Smedley Pharmacy
    - Friar Gate City Centre DE1 1FP
    - Markeaton Pharmacy
      - Kedleston Road Markeaton DE22 1FX
      - Peartree Pharmacy
        - St Thomas Road Normanton DE23 8RJ
        - Normanton Road Normanton DE23 6UU
        - Rosehill Pharmacy
          - Cornmarket City Centre DE1 1QH
      - Superdrug

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.

Be responsible for Safe disposal

Derby City Council, Public Health Directorate
The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS
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 that in the meantime children are kept away from the area.

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 7 litre 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.

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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