

Be Aware. Don't Share.

Get new needles and syringes
without a prescription.

Expanded Syringe Access Program

Why Use New Needles and Syringes?

They may save your life.

Sharing needles, syringes, and other works can spread HIV, hepatitis, or other serious diseases. Reusing needles and syringes can lead to abscesses, infections, and blown veins.



Where Can You Get New Needles and Syringes Without a Prescription?

Don't Share or Reuse Needles or Syringes. ESAP and SEP Can Help.

Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP)

This state program allows registered drugstores, medical providers and health care facilities to sell and/or furnish up to 10 new syringes and needles per transaction to anyone age 18 or older. No prescription is needed.



To find an ESAP registered provider near you:

1-800-541-2437 (English) or 1-800-233-7432 (Spanish)

health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/index.htm

Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP)

This state program offers new syringes for used ones. You must enroll in the SEP to exchange syringes. To find out more about Syringe Exchange Programs throughout the state, call: 1-212-417-4770, or visit:

health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/prevention/needles_syringes/docs/sep_hours_sites.pdf

How Do You Safely Dispose of Used Needles and Syringes?

Don't clip, bend, or break off the needle.

Put used needles and syringes in a plastic bottle that cannot be broken or punctured, such as a bleach or laundry detergent bottle.

Seal the bottle and label it "Contains Sharps."



Where Do You Safely Dispose of Used Needles and Syringes?

Drugstores sell containers for used needles and syringes. They may take back the containers when they are full.

Don't put needles, syringes or bottles filled with syringes in with recyclables.

Hospitals and nursing homes take used syringes in sealed containers for disposal.

Through the NYS Safe Sharps Collection Program, pharmacies, health clinics, community-based organizations, public transportation facilities, housing projects, police stations and other venues have registered to become settings for safe sharps collection.

For more information about this program and to get the lists of hospitals, nursing homes, and alternative collection sites throughout the state, visit: [**health.ny.gov/sharps-collection**](http://health.ny.gov/sharps-collection)

The Point

By scanning the following QR Code to your Smartphone or visiting <http://thepointny.org> or <http://www.nydropboxes.org> hyperlinks, you can access The Point. The Point is a site where you can find syringe access locations, syringe and needle disposal sites, as well as drug disposal sites near you. This website allows users to search for nearby locations, as well as provides driving or walking directions to these sites through Google Maps. The site includes a Resource Section that provides additional information and links to other relevant programs such as syringe exchange and overdose prevention program locations, as well as finding pharmacies that carry naloxone, the drug that reverses overdoses from opioids such as heroin and prescribed pain relief medications.



Who Can I Call for Help Quitting Drugs?

LIFENET (New York City): 1-800-LIFENET

OASAS: 1-800-522-5353

If you have a drug problem, we can help.



Learn More About Syringe Access and Safe Sharps Disposal

Visit:

health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/consumers/prevention/needles_syringes/index.htm

Call:

HIV/AIDS Information Line: 1-800-541-2437

Growing Up Healthy Hotline: 1-800-522-5006 (TTY: 1-800-655-1789)

