

# **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 and hepatitis. Reusing needles and syringes can lead to abscesses, infections, and blown veins. Use a new needle each time you inject.



# 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](http://health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/index.htm)

## **Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP)**

This state program provides new syringes and disposes of 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](http://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)



## **Want advice or help with your drug use?**

**New York City Department of Health and Mental Health,**

**NYC WELL at:** 1 (888) 692-9355, or text "WELL" to 65173

or go to: <http://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us>

**OASAS:** 1-800-522-5353

Getting help is a first step.



# Learn More About Safe Sharps Disposal

## New York State Department of Health

To find a hospital, nursing home or other settings for safe sharps disposal near you:

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

[health.ny.gov/sharps-collection](http://health.ny.gov/sharps-collection)

Growing Up Healthy Hotline: 1-800-522-5006

(TTY: 1-800-655-1789)



**The Point NY** is a New York State-specific, mobile friendly locator tool for harm reduction material and services.

[thePointNY.org](http://thePointNY.org)

## U.S. Food and Drug Administration

[www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/Sharps/ucm20025647.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/Sharps/ucm20025647.htm)

## Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal

1-800-643-1643

[safeneedledisposal.org/](http://safeneedledisposal.org/)

## BD Diabetes Mail-In Disposal Program

To learn about the mail-in sharps disposal program:

1-888-232-2737

[bd.com/us/diabetes/page.aspx?cat=7002&id=7415](http://bd.com/us/diabetes/page.aspx?cat=7002&id=7415)

