

WHAT IS THE LAW ON CARRYING INJECTING EQUIPMENT?

STERILE EQUIPMENT

It is legal to carry fits, barrels or tips if you got them from a Needle & Syringe Program (NSP, Chemist, health service, vending machine)

It is illegal to get fits from your friend or dealer

It is illegal to have other injecting equipment (swabs, tourniquets, spoons) if you intend to use them to take an illegal drug. You could be charged if you have illicit drugs on you or you admit that you are planning on using

USED EQUIPMENT

It's not illegal to carry used fits, but they can be seen as evidence of self-administration. If you do carry used equipment, make sure it's in a bin (you can pick them up at NSPs) or a soft-drink bottle. Police are often more concerned about a potential needlestick injury than the equipment itself

"If I'm stopped by police can I be searched?"

Yes, if they suspect you of committing an offence

Do I have to answer questions?

In most situations, you are only required to provide your name and address. It's best not to answer any other questions from police until you have got legal advice.

You do not have to go to the police station unless you have been arrested for an offence

Any questions? Had your sterile equipment taken by police?

Are the police monitoring your NSP?

Call NUAA on 02 8354 7300 or TOLL FREE 1800 644 413 so we can advocate on your behalf and help you lodge a complaint.

