

Who should I call for more information?

Your local Council

Needle Clean Up Hotline

Phone 1800 633 353

Australian Diabetes Council

Phone 1300DIABETES (1300 342 238)

www.australiandiabetescouncil.com



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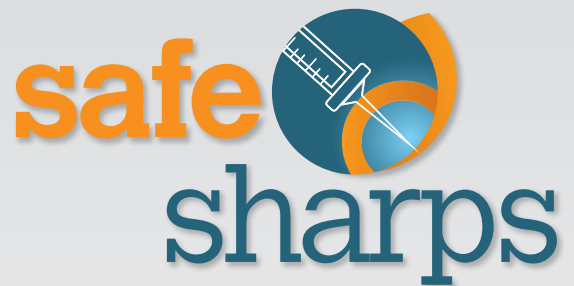
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**Dispose of your
sharps safely**

www.safesharps.org.au

How do I safely dispose of my sharps?

This publication is a guide for people with diabetes, haemophilia and other conditions that require sharps disposal.

Councils across NSW would like to make sure that sharps are properly disposed of in our communities.

This brochure has been developed in order to assist sharps users to dispose of their used sharps safely.

If you have any further queries about sharps disposal, please contact your local Council.

What are sharps?

Sharps are objects that are intended for cutting or penetrating the skin.

They include, but are not limited to:

- Needles
- Syringes with a needle
- Intravenous giving sets
- Lancets
- Scalpel blades
- Insulin pen needles

How should I handle my sharps?

People who use sharps should ensure they are stored correctly so that there is no risk of injury to anyone who may come into contact with the used sharps.

As a guide, you should do the following:

- Store sharps in a puncture proof plastic container (preferably a yellow Australian Standard sharps container).
- Store sharps containers out of reach of children.
- When the container is full, seal the lid firmly and take it to your local sharps disposal facility.



Where can I purchase a sharps container?

Medical sharps containers can be purchased from:

- Local pharmacies
- Australian Diabetes Council
- “Fit Packs” (which includes a sharps container) for intravenous drug users are also available from your local pharmacist and local health service.

How do I dispose of my sharps container?

Sharps **MUST** be in a sealed non-penetrable container such as a sharps container.

When the container is full, seal the lid firmly and take it to your local sharps disposal facility.

For a list of disposal locations please visit www.safesharps.org.au

- Use the search feature to find your nearest Safe Sharps disposal location
- Hover over the icon to see location details
- View opening hours
- Get directions to your nearest location
- Add new locations using the web, iPhone™ iPad™ or smart phone
- Notify inaccurate locations

DO NOT REMOVE USED SHARPS FROM THE SEALED CONTAINER

