



Be Aware. Don't Share.

Get new needles and syringes
without a prescription.

EXPANDED SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAM

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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?

ESAP, a State program, allows registered drug stores to sell up to 10 new syringes and needles to anyone age 18 or older. No prescription is needed. Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP) offer new syringes for used ones. You must enroll in the SEP to exchange syringes. Call the numbers on this card to find ESAP drug stores or a SEP near you.



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?

- Drug stores sell containers for used needles and syringes. They may take back the containers when they are full.
- Don't put needles, syringes or bottles full with syringes in with recyclables.
- Hospitals take used syringes in sealed containers for disposal.



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

To find an ESAP drug store or safe needle and syringe disposal sites:

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

http://www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/index.htm

To find out more about Syringe

Exchange Programs, call: **1-212-417-4770**

Who Can I Call for Help Quitting Drugs?

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

OASAS: 1-800-522-5353

Remember, shooting illegal drugs is not safe and can harm your health.