

Discarded Needles and Sharp Objects

Safe procedure for dealing with sharp objects

WARNING: Always treat body fluids as if they are contagious.

Immediately contact your doctor or nearest A&E department for medical advice and treatment if you do suffer an injury from a needle or syringe.

- Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water
- Cover with a waterproof dressing
- Record on the Society’s accident reporting platform

Discarded Sharps

- If discarded needles or other sharps are found on Society premises, cordon off the area and raise an urgent visit request via the Facilities Helpdesk to attend and remove.
- If discarded needles or other sharps are identified in a public area notify the Local Authority using the link <https://www.gov.uk/report-syringes>



Emptying Bins

- Bins and bin liners can contain unexpected items such as discarded syringes or broken glass.
- Appropriate protective gloves must be worn for this procedure.
- To prevent cuts, where possible hold the bag away from the body (if the bag is too heavy to do so safely then seek help from another colleague).
- If you have any suspicions about the contents of a bin, notify your Manager



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