

Appendix 4 Sharps Disposal



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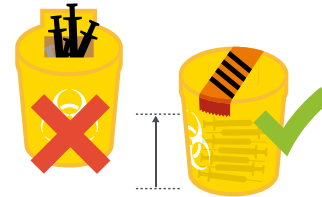
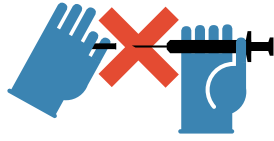
Reasons to use sharps bin

- Used syringes, needles and lancets can injure people.
- Used syringes, needles and lancets may carry infections such as hepatitis (if a person is infected).

Please be responsible and dispose of sharps safely

- A sharps container will be provided by the Diabetes Nurse when leaving the hospital at diagnosis. The Diabetes Nurse will demonstrate how to use it safely. Advice on safe disposal and replacements will also be provided.
- Replacements may be sourced from your local health centre, pharmacy or the clinic.
- When full, the sharps bin is returned to where it was sourced.
- If there are any difficulties in getting a supply of sharps containers, or returning full containers, please contact the Diabetes Nurses who can advise.

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DO'S & DON'TS

Be smart with your sharps

Do:

Don't:

Dispose of used syringes, needles and lancets.



Do use the temporary closure lid to avoid accidental injury.



Do keep the container out of reach from young children.



When the bin is full, close the lid until it clicks shut. Now it is locked and cannot be opened again.



Make sure a spare sharps container is available before the current one is full.



Do dispose of fully locked sharps container correctly by returning it with the outside clean, to where it was supplied.



Don't put used needles into any other containers, e.g. plastic food boxes.



Don't re-cap used needles, syringes or lancets.



Don't put any other waste in the sharps container. It should only have syringes needles and lancets.



Don't put the container into normal household rubbish as it could cause injury.



Don't try to remove a needle once placed in the sharps container.



Don't fill the container past the fill line because needles may begin to stick through the plastic wall and cause an injury to someone.

