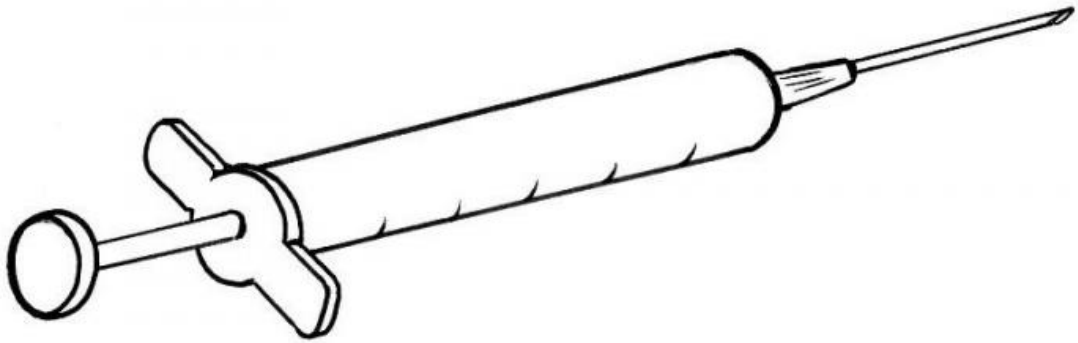


Needlestick - Injury



Prevention...

Never

- Resheath needles
- Over fill a sharps bin (seal when $\frac{3}{4}$ full)
- Dispose of sharps in the general refuse

Always

- Use a puncture proof sharps bin
- Dispose of needle at point of use
- Seal when $\frac{3}{4}$ full
- Return sharps bin to GP if unsure
- Keep your Hep B vaccination up-to-date
- Report discarded needles to your manager
- Follow universal precautions

What to do...

1. Bleed the wound gently
2. Clean the wound with warm running water
3. Apply a waterproof dressing
4. Report the injury to your manager for action
5. Complete an accident / incident report form
6. Contact your GP or Occupational Health

