
STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM

General safety information, if you find a discarded syringe:

1. Do not touch the item or items.
2. If there is something to hand that you can put on top of it to stop others from getting to it, for example a traffic cone or a box please do so.
3. **Telephone:** find the correct number in this leaflet based on where you have found the discarded item and call, giving details as accurately as you can about what you have found and where.



Syringes discarded behind a building.

All photographs of needle litter within this brochure were staged for it's production.



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Stafford
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What to do if you discover a discarded syringe.



Who to call...

Stafford Borough Council

Sharps will be collected by Street-scenes operatives wherever they are located within Stafford Borough, however if they are located on private land there may be a charge to be paid to the borough council. They can be contacted via phone or through the website of the borough council. **Contact Street Scenes on 01785 619401**

South Staffordshire District Council

Any needle finds can be reported via their website for the attention of their street-scenes staff. **Or try ringing their environment team on 01902 696225/696203**

Cannock Chase District Council

Contact the CCDC environmental health team, via their website or on the phone to arrange to have them picked up safely. **Ring Environmental Health on 01543 462621**

Lichfield District Council

The staff from the street cleansing team will collect sharps from council owned land only, therefore it would be necessary to resort to private contractors on occasions where sharps are discovered on private land. **Ring the Operational Services Team on 01543 308999**

Tamworth District Council

Contact the street scenes team for collection of sharps with phone numbers provided for both during and out of office hours. **Telephone 01827 709 361 (office hours) telephone 01827 59708 (out of normal office hours)**

East Staffordshire District Council

There is a phone number for office hours only to arrange collection of sharps found in public places. Out of office hours there is a web-based facility on the council website for reporting finds. If you find a needle or syringe please report the find during of-office hours to the **Waste Management Team on 0800 269098.**

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The moorlands council team will arrange for collection and disposal of drug related litter, there is a link on their website to allow you to report litter to them. **Contact Environmental Health 01538 483530**

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

You can arrange to have the council collect needles and syringes through their web-page or by calling them directly. **Ring 01782 742592 to arrange collections.**

First Aid

If you get a needle stick injury:

1. Squeeze the area straight away to make it bleed.
2. Run the injury under the cold tap for two minutes
3. Go to your GP surgery for advice

Sharps finds on private land

If you discover discarded sharps on privately owned land, it is the responsibility of the land owner to have them safely disposed of.

There are a number of specialist companies listed in telephone directories and on the internet who specialise in the collection and disposal of hazardous waste.

