



Needlesticks (Sharps) & Biohazard Awareness

Sharps contaminated with infected blood can transmit over 20 diseases including HIV, Hepatitis B & C. The transmission risk can cause a great deal of worry and stress

Course Overview

This Needlesticks (Sharps) and Biohazard Training Course is suitable for anyone who is likely to come into contact with discarded hypodermic needles, drug paraphernalia and other biological contamination including bodily fluid.

Particularly 'at risk' sectors include waste management, property maintenance, refurbishment, demolition, social care, security, agriculture, social and medical care.

Course Syllabus

The course gives an overview of legislation and guidance as well as an introduction to the ill health effects and routes of entry of, amongst others, Cryptosporidium from bird droppings, Hepatitis B and C, Leptospirosis (Weils Disease), HIV, Tetanus and other biohazards.

The course will cover:

- Identifying high risk environments
- Awareness of sharps and associated risks
- Risk elimination
- Good handling and hygiene practices including removal and disposal methods
- PPE and use of other equipment
- Actions and first aid for needlestick injuries including reporting procedures

Course delivery options:



Tailored



Open

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frequently asked questions...

The Course

Course Delivery	This course is available either as a tailored or open Course
Accreditation	N/A
Course Length	4 hours (Tailored & Open) or 7-8 hours with practical elements included
Start / Finish Times	Typically 08.30 start
Maximum Group Size	12
Tailored to Specific Requirements	Yes - Please provide specific information at the booking stage
Course Material	Hand Outs are provided on the day

Certification

Is there an Assessment?	Yes – Multiple choice question paper
Are certificates issued?	Yes
Valid for?	3 years (recommended refresher)
When / how are they available?	Available for download from the NUK website upon completion

The Delegates

Prior Knowledge / Prerequisites	None
Needs to bring along	Everything is provided on the day

The Venue

Course Location	At a venue of your choice or a Now u Know training centre
Venue Requirements	Please inform us of any mobility concerns
Non-NUK Venues	Must have adequate space, lighting, seating, welfare and a 240v socket
Refreshment at NUK Venues	Available on request

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