



Disposal of Sharps – important information from Housing ACT

What is a sharp?

Injecting equipment such as a needle or syringe is called a Sharp.

What do I do if I find a sharp in a public place or on my property?

Call the **Sharps Hotline** on **132 281**. Be prepared to give the Sharps Hotline an accurate description of the item and its location.

Do not touch it. If possible, stand guard, particularly if there are children around.

Who will collect the sharp?

A City Ranger from Urban Services will come and pick it up as soon as possible.

What sort of items will the City Rangers collect?

Rangers will collect loose syringes, small sharps containers and injecting/clinical waste.

Who is responsible for the disposal of sharps located inside my home?

You are. City Rangers will not enter your home.

What if I live in a large flat complex?

- A contractor, appointed by Housing ACT, is responsible for the collection of sharps in the sharps bins, located at the complexes
- A common area cleaner, contracted by Housing ACT, is required to remove any syringes found during their daily rounds
- If a tenant finds syringes within the grounds, he/she should ring the **Sharps Hotline** on **132 281**



- If a tenant finds syringes within the building (for example, in the common laundry) he/she should ring Housing ACT on 133 427.

Further Information

For more information, contact your Housing Manager or telephone the Community Services Directorate on 133 427.

For more assistance on Housing ACT matters, please telephone 133 427.

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