

Asking for an intervention

Did you know that, in some circumstances, you could be eligible for an intervention (for help and support) if you are found to be in possession of an illegal drug?

There are two types:

- ✓ Cannabis Intervention Requirement (CIR)
- ✓ Other Drug Intervention Requirement (ODIR)


You can find out what these are by going to this website:

www.mhc.wa.gov.au


And typing “ODIR” or “CIR” into the search box at the top right.

These interventions aim to guide you into treatment rather than charging you with simple drug offenses. This means you will not have a criminal record. If issued with a CIR or ODIR you will have to attend one or more sessions with a trained counsellor who will chat to you about your health, your drug use and the impact of drug use on your life.

Remember to ask!



May I have an intervention instead?



Find More Information...

Peer Based Harm Reduction WA can't give you legal advice. The information in this pamphlet should not be taken as legal advice. If you would like more information or legal advice, here are some helpful places to look.

Legal Aid WA

Website: www.legalaid.wa.gov.au

Phone: 1300 650 579

Aboriginal Legal Service of WA

Website: www.als.org.au

Phone: 9265 6666

Street Law Centre

Website: www.streetlawcentre.org.au

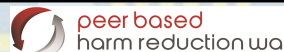
Phone: 1800 752 992

Or visit a Street Law Free Legal Clinic:

- **Karnary, Midland:** Tuesdays 9am - 12 noon
- **RUAH, Northbridge:** Every second Tuesday 10am - 12 noon
- **Tranby, Perth:** Fridays 8.30am - 10.30am
- **Passages, Perth (for 12 to 24 year olds):**
Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon
- **St Pat's, Freo:** Every second Tuesday 9am - 11am

Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) Website

Website: www.aivl.org.au/law/wa



Perth: 9325 8387 · Bunbury: 9791 6699

www.harmreductionwa.org



Needles, Syringes & Your Rights



Needle and Syringe Programs

Did you know that, in Australia, the provision of needles and syringes to people who inject drugs is legal?

But... It is not legal to set up your own needle and syringe exchange. Only approved organisations, like Peer Based Harm Reduction WA, are authorised to legally provide this service in WA.

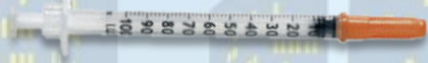
Needles and Syringes

It is legal to carry unused needles and syringes, or used needles and syringes that have been fully emptied.

Used needles and syringes that are not fully emptied may not be legal to carry. Go to:

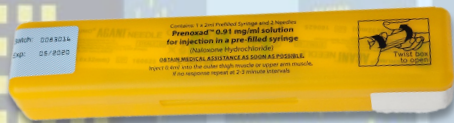
https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Safe-disposal-of-needles-and-syringes

to find out how to dispose of these at home.



Naloxone

It is legal to carry Naloxone.



NSP Carry Card

Ask us for an NSP Carry Card.

Needle and Syringe Program (NSP)

Aligning with national and state strategies to address drug use, and the prevention of transmission of blood-borne viruses, WA Police and the following organisations* support the safe disposal of needles and syringes:



*Other metropolitan and regional NSPs also support the safe disposal of needles and syringes.

healthywa.wa.gov.au
Phone: (08) 9222 4222

This card does not provide immunity for any offences that may have been committed

Or, if you have downloaded the ACE app,



you can find it there. Go to:

About > About drug use > The law and your health

What it does...

If you're stopped and searched by police and carrying needles and syringes, show your NSP Carry Card to let them know you are accessing an essential health service that reduces harm in the community by:

- ✓ Reducing the transmission of blood-borne viruses; and
- ✓ Safely disposing of used needles and syringes.

Needle and Syringe Program (NSP)

To whom it may concern

The holder of this card accesses a WA based needle and syringe program (NSP) or a needle and syringe exchange program (NSEP).

NSPs aim to reduce the transmission of blood-borne viruses (BBV) through the provision of sterile needles and syringes to people who inject drugs (PWID).

Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs (NSEP) are specific NSPs that also facilitate the safe disposal of used needles and syringes, thereby reducing harm to the community from inappropriately discarded needles and syringes.

For more information on NSP and NSEP in WA – healthywa.wa.gov.au

What it does not do...

The NSP Carry Card does not provide immunity for any offences that may have been committed, including the possession of illegal drugs.



I have an NSP Card to show you, officer.

Alrighty!



How to use it...

If you're stopped and searched by the police while carrying needles and syringes:

- ✓ Show the police your NSP Carry Card.
- ✓ Stay calm, be polite and let the police know that you are carrying needles or syringes.
- ✓ Avoid being abusive or resisting the search to avoid being charged with an offence of obstructing police.

If you are concerned about why or how a search has been conducted, you should get legal advice. See the "Find More Information" section of this brochure.

Did you know



Did you know that any sharp item is prohibited on Transperth property?

The NSP Carry Card does not allow you to carry sharp items on Transperth property.