

POLICE DIVERSION

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)**

Find out more about interventions by scanning this QR code:



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 IF
YOU ARE ARRESTED!**

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 start:

LEGAL AID

Phone: 1300 650 579



ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE

Phone: 9265 6666



STREET LAW

Phone: 1800 752 992



Or visit a FREE Street Law Legal Clinic at a service near you:



CONTACT US!

 (08) 9325 8387

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**NEEDLES,
SYRINGES,
& YOUR RIGHTS**



NEEDLE & 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 PBHR WA, are authorised to legally provide this service in Western Australia.

NEEDLES & 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.

Scan the QR code to find out how to dispose of used equipment 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:



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health



Government of Western Australia
Mental Health Commission



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Palmerston hepatitiswa



Western Australian
AIDS COUNCIL

*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

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

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

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 can consider getting legal advice. See the "Find More Information" section of this brochure.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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.

