



Course Syllabus

Infection Control / Needlestick Awareness

This half day course is designed to raise the awareness of needlestick injuries and infections associated with discarded needles and syringes.

It will also outline how individuals can adopt safer working practices to help to minimise the risk of injury or infection.

Who should attend?

Any employee or worker that are likely to come into contact with used sharps in their everyday working role, such as those who work in the social work, care or housing sectors, and those who work in waste disposal and collection, maintenance, refurbishment, house clearance or street cleaning.

The course covers the essential aspects, such as:

- The type and the extent of the problem
- Infection and the risks of disease – Hazards associated with needlesticks and sharps
 - Types of work where exposure can occur
 - Where needles/sharps can be found
 - Identifying the levels of risk
- Awareness and how to avoid the risks – needlesticks and sharps control measures
 - General control measures
 - Use of sharps containers
 - Dispensing of sharps
 - Legal requirements
- Handling sharps safely
 - Safe working practices
 - Safe removal and disposal of sharps
- Basic first aid for associated injuries
- Post-exposure medical treatment
 - Hazards associated with contact with bodily fluids
 - Control measures for contact with bodily fluids
- General controls
 - Spill kits
 - Personal Hygiene

An in-house certificate of attendance will be issued to all persons who successfully complete this course.

Next Step?

Contact our Learning & Development Team at Aspen Wolf Ltd on 0191 581 1000 to discuss your training requirements