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**SUPPLIES
GUIDE**

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injection supplies!**

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SAFETY CHECKLIST



Check substances
with drug test
strips before use.



Always use sterile
supplies and avoid
sharing needles.



Never use alone
and always have
naloxone nearby.

Call the **Never Use Alone
Hotline** at 800-484-3731

First-Aid Supplies



Alcohol Wipes

Use alcohol wipes to clean the injection site **before** use. Alternatively, soap and water can also be effective.



Bandages

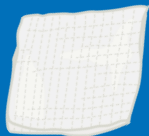
Cover the injection site with a bandage or gauze to protect the wound. Cotton balls may also be used, if needed.



BZK Antiseptic Wipes

Use BZK wipes **after** injection. They are gentler on the skin and promote healing faster than alcohol wipes.

First-Aid Supplies



Gauze

Use gauze pads after injection to stop excess bleeding or to wipe down any supplies or spills.



Gloves

Using protective gloves before, during, and after injection lowers the risk of HIV and Hepatitis-C infection.



Quick Tip

Protect your health and safety by using new supplies for every injection and dispose of used first-aid materials.

Cotton Filters



Cotton balls/pellets filter out undissolved particles from being pulled into the syringe barrel.

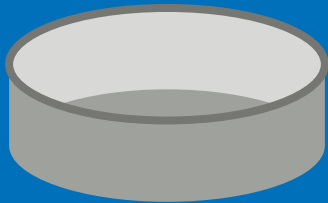
Use a new filter for every injection to reduce risk of bacterial infections.

WARNING:

Injecting undissolved particles can block blood flow through the body, which can cause an embolism.



Cooker/Cap

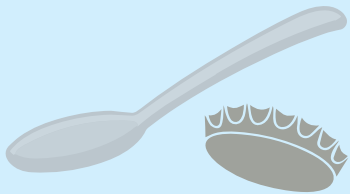


Sterile cookers are used to mix powdered drugs or crushed pills into a liquid before injection.

Avoid reusing cookers. If you have to reuse, bleach and disinfect them after each use.

TIP:

Add a handle to the cooker to prevent burning your fingers.



Alternatives: Sterile spoons or bottle tops

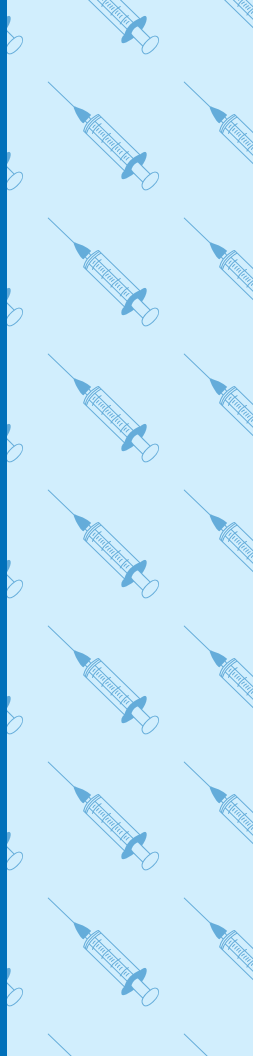
Sterile Syringes

Use a new syringe for every injection to prevent infection.

There are different barrel and needle sizes available.

TIP:

The higher the gauge size, the thinner the needle. Using thinner needles may help to reduce pain and bruising.





Sterile Water & Saline

TIP:

Pour liquids into a cooker or cup before use. Sticking the needle through plastic may dull the tip.

Make sure to only use **sterile water** and/or **new saline solution** when preparing drugs and cleaning supplies.

Sharps Collector



Sharps cannot be thrown out in regular trash bins. They must be disposed of in a separate, hard plastic sharps collector.

Once the container is full, dispose the used sharps at a local health facility.

Did You Know?

In New York State, hospitals and nursing homes are **required** to accept and safely dispose of sharps from community members.

TIP:

Find a directory of sharps disposal sites across the United States by visiting www.safeneedledisposal.org.

What is MATTERS?

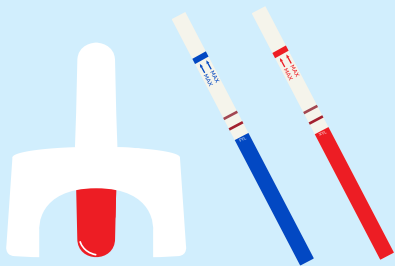


We are a non-profit organization that links people with substance use disorder to treatment and resources within their own community across New York State.



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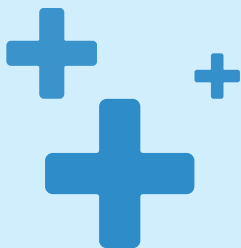
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