

Sharp Disposal



What is a sharp?

Living with a chronic condition may mean you need to learn about the safe disposal of sharps. The term sharps means any medical device that is used to penetrate the skin. Examples include syringes, pen needles, lancets. This information sheet is to help you dispose of your sharps safely.



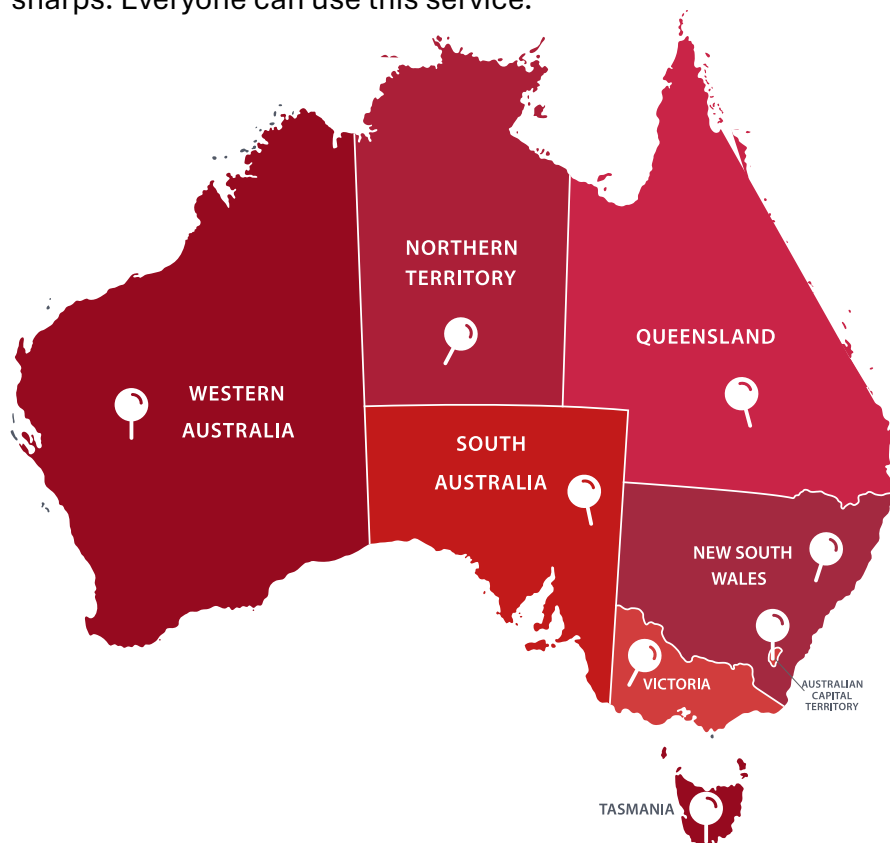
Safety

For the health and safety of the community, it is important to safely dispose of sharps. Keep sharps out of the general waste or recycling bins. Used sharps should be immediately placed in a sharps disposal container or if not readily available a puncture-resistant plastic container with a screw top.



Where do I go to dispose of my sharps?

Firstly, ask the hospital that is overseeing your SClg program for how to return full sharps containers. If not, below is a map, click on each pin point to reveal available information on where to go to dispose of your sharp's safely in each state or territory. Please ring the place you want to drop your sharps container to first, to make sure they can take it. All states and territories use a Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) which is a free service to promote the safe disposal of all sharps. Everyone can use this service.



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