

# Sharps Awareness

<b>Accreditation</b>	ESS Certificate
<b>Course duration</b>	Half Day
<b>Certificate valid for</b>	3 years

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## Who should attend

Any operatives, care workers, NHS staff or council clean-up workers who work with, or may come into contact with sharps in any environment. We would also advise that any supervisors, managers or safety practitioners attend this course if they have any safety or safe removal responsibilities surrounding sharps.

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## Course information

### Overview

Our sharps and needle course will help to raise awareness amongst staff when dealing with, intentionally or not, sharps or needles within the workplace or public areas. It will raise awareness about the health risks, dangers and handling of sharps or needles including correct disposal.

### Course Aim

The aim of the course is to equip those who may come into contact with sharps or needles with the necessary knowledge to do it safely and in accordance with HSE and industry guidance.

### Course Content

Learners will develop their knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Legislation and guidance
- Injuries and hazards associated from sharps
- Contactable disease and illnesses, including Blood Borne Viruses (BBV)
- Risk management and control
- Safe handling and disposal
- Safe equipment guidance

### Learner Numbers

In order to ensure the interaction between the learners and the tutor is spread evenly and effectively, and to ensure the courses are fully delivered in accordance with the Scheme rules, the maximum number of learners allowed on a course is twelve.

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## Assessment

Learners will sit a short theoretical assessment.

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## Certification

Upon successful completion of training, learners will receive an Essential Site Skills certificate of attendance valid for 3 years and a photo ID card.

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## More details

Further reading and information can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/needlesticks/resources.htm>

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