

## Sharps Awareness Training

Over 29 million needles a year are issued to addicts in the UK, 20 million of which are never returned. Discarded needles are found in homes, parks and playing fields, public toilets, footpaths, car parks, school grounds, communal entrances, and gardens.



### The Risks

- Up to 10% of discarded needles can be infected with active Hepatitis B or C Virus.
- Other potential infections from needlestick injury include HIV and West Nile Virus.
- Tidy Britain recorded 226 injuries from discarded needles in a 3 year period. 60% of these were local government employees.
- Risk is higher for those carrying out work such as cleansing or grounds maintenance, where they are more likely to come into contact with discarded needles.

### The Course

Course Participants benefit from our experience, training, & accreditation. Specifically, you will learn about:

- Sharps Awareness – anticipating and preparing for sharps exposure.
- Sharps Protection – how to protect yourself from sharps injury.
- Contamination Protection – how to safely and effectively protect yourself from the full range of contamination risks you are likely to encounter.
- Sharps & Contamination First-Aid – practical, best-practice advice on how to respond to a sharps injury or contamination.

Courses typically last for a morning or afternoon session, and take place in the convenience of your own premises.

### The Benefits

Participants benefit by:

- Learning how to work safely and effectively in potentially hazardous environments.
- Receiving the same training as our own highly experienced employees.
- Receiving a Sharps Awareness Certificate from a fully accredited company.

Employers benefit by:

- Lower risk exposure.
- Fewer absences resulting from injury.
- Lower stress levels among staff.

### Arrange a Course

To enquire about how our Sharps Awareness training can benefit you and your organisation, please email us at: [info@spsdoorguard.com](mailto:info@spsdoorguard.com), or call us on 08457 62 65 42. Alternatively you can visit us at [www.spsdoorguard.com](http://www.spsdoorguard.com), or speak to your local SPS representative. We look forward to hearing from you.

