



COURSE SYLLABUS

Sharps Safety Awareness (Dealing with Discarded Needles etc.)

Suitable For:

All personnel who may come into contact with sharps during their working activities

Course Aim:

This course is designed to raise awareness of the dangers associated with sharps and needle stick injuries and to provide candidates with knowledge, understanding and the practical skills to safely handle and dispose of sharps within the workplace. The course aims to reduce instances of injury and infection when dealing with discarded syringes, needles and other sharp instruments and related waste and to give an indication of the scale of the problem, showing the types of risks involved, the range of problem items and where they are commonly found.

Course Content will include:

- The Law – Regulations & Legislation (including: The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 & The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013)
- Definition of “sharps”
- Common locations

- Hazards
 - The health implications when dealing with sharps and clinical waste
 - Assessing the risks
 - Reporting procedures

- First Aid measures
 - Dealing with blood and other bodily fluids
 - Disinfecting and thorough cleansing

- Control measures
 - Company policy and guidelines
 - Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Handling and disposing of sharps safely

The course is a mixture of theory and practical training / exercises.

Course Objectives:

On successful completion of this course, candidates will have an understanding of sharps, an insight into needle stick and clinical waste hazards and will be able to safely handle and dispose of sharps within the workplace.

Venue: Either on-site at clients’ premises or at ITS Training Centre

Duration: Half Day

Candidates: Up to 10 per course

Certification: ITS Certification