

Safe disposal of Drug Litter

Drug litter which includes injecting equipment is hazardous.

If you come across drug litter eg. a used syringe or spoon, do not attempt to remove it yourself.

Drug litter needs to be disposed of by people who know how, so instead of picking it up pick up the phone.

If you come across any type of drug litter

eg. used needle/syringe or spoon etc, this is what you need to do:

- **Don't touch**, kick or play with it
- **Do tell an adult** (eg. parent, teacher, coach, youth worker or An Garda Síochána)
- **Do warn friends** or others nearby to stay clear
- **Call the local County Council** in your area (for the collection & disposal of drug litter in public areas):

Who do I contact to collect Drug Litter?

For the collection & disposal of drug litter in public areas, contact your Local County Council:

Laois County Council

1800 32 32 30 (to include out of hours)

Longford County Council

1850 434 450 (9am-5pm)

1850 211 525 (out of hours)

Westmeath County Council

1890 320 005 (to include out of hours)

Offaly County Council

057 9357403 (9am-5pm) **1890 750 750** (out of hours)

What to do if you get a Needlestick Injury?

If you pierce or puncture your skin with a used needle, follow this first aid advice immediately:

- Encourage the wound to bleed, ideally by holding it under running water.
- Wash the wound using running water and plenty of soap.
- Don't scrub the wound while you're washing it.
- Don't suck the wound.
- Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof plaster or dressing.
- Seek urgent medical advice - go to the nearest accident and emergency (A&E) department. You do not need to bring the needle with you. You do not need to know who used the needle previously.

