

How to safely use your sharps container and dispose of used sharps

A home user's guide



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About your sharps container

You have been asked to store and dispose of a prescribed sharps container in which to dispose of your used needles and/or syringes.

This leaflet will help guide you through the correct use of the container from assembly to the final closure.

Correctly Assembling your sharps container

Please check that the lid is on securely even if the container comes already assembled.

If you receive your container ready assembled please ignore the next step.

To assemble your container, place the lid on the container and push down firmly on edges until you hear an audible click and the lid feels securely fitted.

Complete the label

Once assembled fill in your name and the date you started using the container on the label on the front of the container.



How to use your sharps container Safely

When you are ready to administer your injection, make sure that your sharps container is next to you with the lid in the open position.

Once you have finished your injection, put the used needle and/or syringe straight into the sharps container and close the lid to the temporary closure position.

Store your sharps container Safely

When your sharps container is not in use ensure that you store it out of reach of small children, vulnerable people and animals.

Using the Temporary Closure when Not in Use

Once you have finished using your sharps container after administering your injection you must engage the temporary closure to make sure that it is secure until the next use. This ensures it is not possible for example, for a child to put their hand into the sharps container.

To engage the temporary closure;

1L container (small oblong container)

Press lightly down on the centre of the lid door until you hear a click, this will engage the temporary closure ready to be stored for use the next time the container is needed.



To release the temporary closure pull the lid door to the open position.

2.5L container (round container)

Slide the door in the lid towards you until the word "TEMP" in the door lines up with the word "CLOSE" on the lid, this will engage the temporary closure ready to be stored for use the next time the container is needed.



To release the temporary closure slide the door away from you to the open position.

How to tell when your sharps container is full

Your sharps container is only designed to be filled to the fill line. When you have reached this level that is indicated on the label you will need to close your container with the

⬇ **WARNING DO NOT FILL ABOVE THE LINE** ⬆

Permanently lock your sharps container

When your sharps container has reached the fill line, you will need to engage the permanent closure.

To engage the permanent closure;

1L container (small oblong container)

Press firmly in the indents on the lid door until you hear a click on each side – in the indents the words “PRESS FIRMLY HERE

TO LOCK” are faintly visible – this will engage the permanent closure ready for the container to be disposed.



2.5L container (round container)

Slide the door in the lid towards you until the word “FINAL” in the door lines up with the word “CLOSE” on the lid, this will engage the permanent closure ready for the container to be disposed.



Once permanently locked complete the label by filling in the date it was closed permanently.

When the containers have been put into the final permanent closure they will no longer be usable, make sure you have a replacement available before you lock your container.

What to do with your full sharps container

Arrangements for disposing of full sharps containers vary from area to area, you can contact your local council¹ and speak with the waste department to arrange collection of your container or speak with your prescriber for advice on how to arrange disposal.

Requesting a new sharps container

To request a new container speak with your prescriber who will arrange for a container to be prescribed to you.

1.(NHS, 2016)

**For further information, speak
with your prescriber or visit the
container manufacturer's website:
www.daniels.co.uk**

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OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

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