

# 10685NAT – Course in Safe Handling of Sharps and Infectious Waste

## Course description

This unit describes the outcomes that will provide vital skills and knowledge on how to recognise sharps, evaluate risks and implement control measures to facilitate the safe removal of sharps and other material that may be contaminated with blood and body fluids.

The purpose of this course is to ensure that all staff involved in the handling of infectious waste and sharps are aware of the requirement to follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

This course is intended to provide participants with a range of knowledge, skills, generic and specific competencies to assist in safely performing the following job role(s):

- Council Rangers
- Parks and City Service
- Domestic and Commercial Cleaners
- Medical Staff and First Aid Officers (remote areas e.g. mine sites)
- Waste and Recycling Collection and Processing Staff
- Tow Truck Operators
- Transport & Rail Maintenance Staff

## Course duration

- Credit is given to participants that have undertaken, as part of their workplace orientation, a WHS induction (**6 hour delivery**)
- Full course face to face (**7 hour delivery**)

## Course content

### Knowledge:

- Understand the nature and scope of workplace hazards, the range of the injuries they may cause and how these injuries happen
- Organisational WHS policies, procedures, processes and systems
- Understanding of risk of acquiring a blood borne disease from the hazard of needle stick and sharps injuries. It is imperative that risk control measures are introduced to ensure that occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens are minimised or eliminated
- Understand that airborne contaminants can be transmitted during retrieval of a sharp
- Knowledge of infectious and cytotoxic waste disposal methods
- Demonstrated knowledge of personal hygiene and use of PPE
- Knowledge of hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control

### Skills:

- Manual handling techniques
- Safe waste handling procedures
- Correct use of equipment in accordance with manufacturer specifications
- Safe work practices to prevent or minimise risk
- Reading and writing skills - literacy competence required to fulfil job roles in a safe manner. The level of skill may range from the ability to understand symbols used in

WHS signs, to reading workplace safety pamphlets or procedure manuals, reading labels

- Oral communication skills - language competence required to fulfil job roles in a safe manner
- Provide observational skills to identify hazards, and to assess and control the risks
- Follow workplace WHS requirements as well as standard operating procedures (SOP's)
- Safe removal of sharps as per operational requirements

### Prerequisites

Minimum age for participants is 14 years. There are no prerequisites and no pre-course study required for this course. In cases where credit is given to participants that have undertaken, as part of their workplace orientation, a WHS induction process reducing the session to a 6 hour delivery (add on a suitable break for participants). Evidence of induction training may be required at time of booking.



### Materials provided

Sharps and Infectious Waste manual plus Infection Control Wall Chart Cards for the course Coordinator. Participants receive a coloured certificate with a coloured hard plastic wallet card, replica of the certificate. An emailed copy of your certificate when competent and a web based verification system to authenticate your award. The use of sharps containers, Streetmaster® litterpickers, ZeoMed® biohazard spill kits, ZeoMed® Cytotoxic Body Fluid Spill Kits. Glo Germ™ for effective hand washing and training props. Up to date training material, PowerPoint presentation, DVDs.

### Classes

GROUP BOOKINGS ONLY. We come to you, tailored to your industry (our group rate is capped at 15 participants).

### Certificate validity

It is recommended this unit be renewed every 24 months in line with industry standards.

### Prices



\$2,475 our group rate is capped at 15 participants.

## Assessment

In the face to face portion of the training, you are taught how to deal with the handling of infectious waste and sharps with confidence. Training You First Aid conducts progressive scenarios and theory based multiple choice assessments throughout the course; using personal protective equipment, pick up sharps, hand washing, infection control, picking up infectious waste, cytotoxic waste, safely treating a blood spill.

## Nationally Recognised Training

This statement of attainment is nationally recognised and workplace approved throughout Australia. Training and assessment delivered on behalf of [Allens Training Pty Ltd RTO 90909](#)



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The only nationally recognised Safe Handling of Sharps and Infectious Waste training available in Australia offering a statement of attainment that can be delivered and assessed in 6 hour face to face in a simulated environment.



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Training You First Aid recommends; Streetmaster® litterpickers for precision pick up, a flexible and versatile quality tool for the safe handling of sharps and infectious waste. ZeoMed® biohazard spill kits for body fluid and blood borne pathogen spills and ZeoMed® cytotoxic body fluid spill kits.