

# Managing Prescribed Sharps Safely

## Important information for people who:

- Take medication using a needle
- Self test, e.g. blood sugar

If you use a needle to inject prescribed medication or for testing your blood, it is your responsibility to dispose of the needles safely.

Needles should only be disposed of in a Sharps bin which is specially designed for this purpose.

## You should use your Sharps bin to dispose of:

- Used syringes and devices which have a needle attached
- Used finger pricking devices
- Used insulin pump sharps
- Full needle clipping devices

## Important:

- Ensure the lid is securely attached.
- Fill only up to the black line marked on the bin.
- Keep the bin in a safe place and out of the reach of children.

When the container is full, close the lid until it "clicks", then write your name and the date on the label.

You can take the full bin to your local pharmacy and exchange it for a new one.

