

MONDAY

Fremantle: 12 - 3pm
Fremantle Hospital
Block A, 65 South Tce

Rockingham: 1 - 3pm
Rockingham Hospital
Dental Care front car park
Elanora Drive

West Perth: 9am - 4.30pm
WA AIDS Council office
664 Murray Street

TUESDAY

Mirrabooka: 12 - 2.30pm
Herb Graham Rec Centre
Back car park
Ashbury Crescent

Joondalup: 3.30 - 6pm
Lotteries House car park
Boas Ave

West Perth: 9am - 4.30pm
WA AIDS Council office
664 Murray Street

WEDNESDAY

Fremantle: 12 - 3pm
Fremantle Hospital
Block A, 65 South Tce

West Perth: 9am - 4.30pm
WA AIDS Council office
664 Murray Street

THURSDAY

Belmont: 1 - 3pm
Forster Park
Off Abernethy Road

Midland: 4 - 6pm
St Brigid's Place
Off Great Northern Hwy

West Perth: 9am - 4.30pm
WA AIDS Council office
664 Murray Street

FRIDAY

Armadale: 1 - 3pm
Gwynne Park
Rec Centre car park
Cnr 7th Ave and Forrest Rd

Gosnells: 4 - 6pm
Behind Gosnells Markets
Lissiman Street

West Perth: 9am - 4.30pm
WA AIDS Council office
664 Murray Street

Fremantle: 12 - 3pm
Fremantle Hospital
Block A, 65 South Tce

No service on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.
In extreme weather, van services may be cancelled.

For more information on exchange,
disposal and referral services, contact:

- **WA AIDS Council**
(08) 9482 0000
664 Murray Street, West Perth
- **Freo XChange**
(08) 9431 3318
Fremantle Hospital,
Block A, 65 South Terrace
- **WAAC Van**
0417 093 537
Visits Armadale, Belmont, Gosnells,
Joondalup, Midland, Mirrabooka
and Rockingham.

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www.wa aids.com/needle-exchange.html



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Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

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Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs

Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs (NSEPs) use a harm reduction approach, which recognises that in society, individuals will continue to use drugs.

Administering drugs through injection is associated with a **high risk of blood-borne virus transmission** and severe bacterial infections.

While the practice of injecting drugs continues, the provision of sterile injecting equipment through **NSEP is an important harm reduction strategy** to reduce the spread of blood-borne viruses such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV.

WA AIDS Council's NSEP

Since 1987, the **WA AIDS Council** has assisted in the prevention of blood-borne virus transmission through the operation of an NSEP. The service has seen a significant increase in both client contacts and exchange of equipment since the programs implementation.

On average, the WA AIDS Council's NSEP has had close to **12,000 client interactions** and **distributes almost 2 million pieces of sterile equipment**, with an **average 98% return rate** across all sites each year.

What We Provide

The WA AIDS Council's NSEP service operates at **two fixed sites and several mobile sites**, ranging from **Joondalup to Rockingham**.

The program provides a large range of anonymous and non-judgemental services to individuals who inject drugs, including **access to a wide range of sterile injecting and disposal equipment** (which are free on exchange or at a low cost), **safe disposal of used injecting equipment**, as well as safer sex equipment, user-friendly advice, health information and referral services.

NSEP staff and volunteers are trained to deliver relevant health education and provide referrals to a range of services including detox and treatment if required. NSEPs act as important points of contact to the highly marginalised and stigmatised population of injecting drug users who may not otherwise access medical and health services.



Cost Effectiveness

In 2009, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing published the ***Return on Investment in Needle and Syringe Programs in Australia**, which found a **saving of \$124m in healthcare costs**, a **net financial saving of \$111m** and a **saving of more than 19,000 Disability Adjusted Life Years**.

The cost effectiveness of NSEPs, combined with the positive impact on communities, has continually been recognised worldwide. NSEPs are supported by political parties, the Australian Medical Association and police departments across Australia.

**To view the full report, go to: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing/nsf/content/needle-return-1-rep*