

# NursingDirect

POLICY NUMBER: **56**

POLICY TITLE: **PROCEDURE FOR NEEDLE STICK INJURIES**

WHO MUST ABIDE BY THIS POLICY? **ALL TEMPORARY WORKERS**



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## THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

To inform staff and clients of the Procedure for Needle stick Injuries.

## WHAT YOU MUST DO

If you receive a needle stick injury you should immediately

- Attend for treatment
- Squeeze the site of injury/puncture to encourage bleeding (do not suck)
- Wash with soap and water
- Cover wound with dressing
- Report incident to Nursing Direct
- Take clients details so we can identify any potential risks
- Complete a incident/accident report in accordance with Nursing Direct policy and RIDDOR regulations

You will need to detail fully the circumstances that held to the injury and we will ensure blood tests and counselling is available