

CODE OF PRACTICE – Sharps

‘Sharps’ is a term used to describe injection needles, glass ampoules, syringes, phials etc.

Procedure for collection of Sharps from grounds of Leicester OPC

- 1. Only authorised employees are allowed to collect and dispose of ‘sharps’.**
- 2. Employees are authorised to collect and handle ‘sharps’ if:-**
 - a) They have undergone a course of Hepatitis ‘B’ injections and**
 - b) Undergone training in all aspects of the job**
- 3. If sharps are found on site, their location must be notified to office as soon as possible. People must be kept away from the area. Authorised employee then to collect and dispose of sharp**
- 4. ‘sharps’ to be collected in the following manner:-**
 - a) Protective gloves must be worn and tweezers used to pick them up**
 - b) Needles are to be placed in recognised receptacles (sharps boxes)**
 - c) Sharps boxes are to be held in a secure place until final disposal by incineration (by a licensed company)**
 - d) A register must be kept of all finds**
- 5. If any queries arise, contact should be made with Leicester City Council cleansing department**

Procedure for collection of Sharps from River Soar

- 1. Any sharps found should be left where they are and reported to cleansing department of Leicester City Council or Riverside Ranger.**
- 2. Any sharps found at access or egress points of Leicester OPC grounds to be fished from river using fishing net. Then to be tipped into ground away from other people and disposed of using gloves and tweezers as described above.**