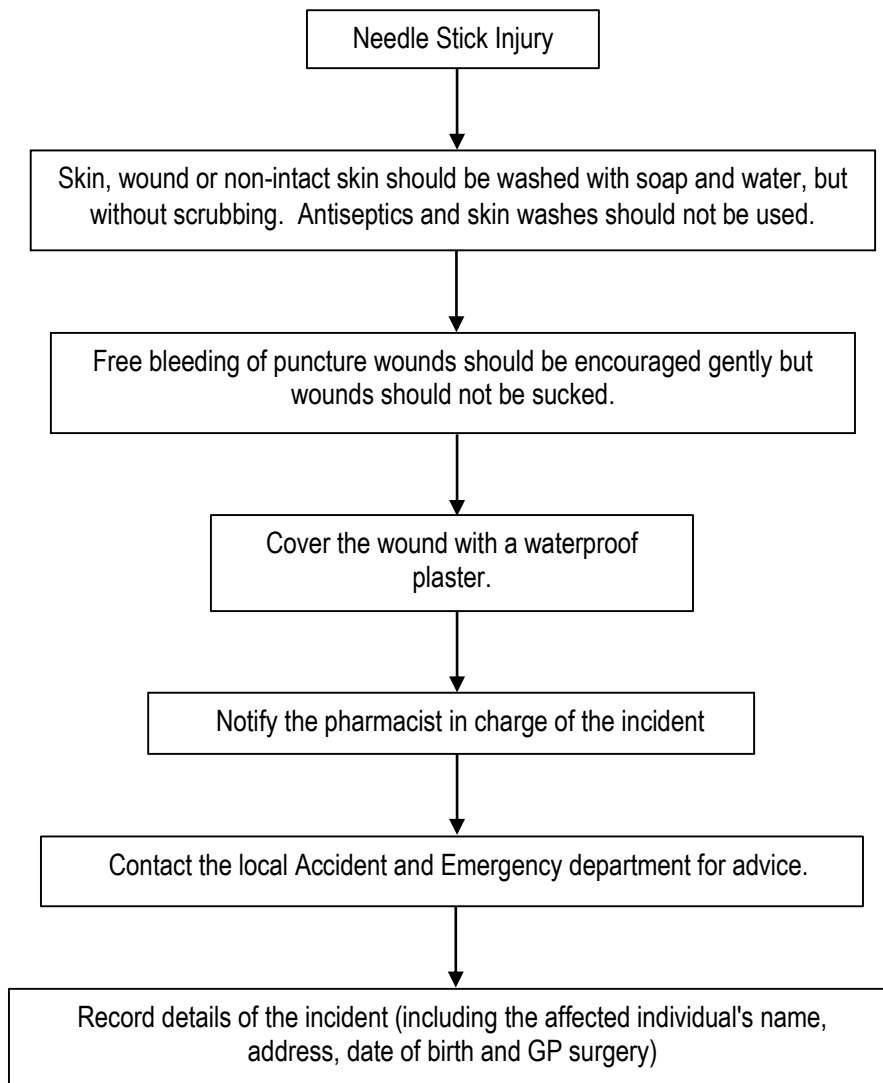


Needle Stick Incident Flowchart



Risk Minimisation Advice

- The level of precautions to be taken for any procedure must be determined according to the extent of possible exposure to blood and/or bodily fluids.
- Never re-sheathe a needle
- Dispose of needles in an approved sharps disposal container (meeting standards UN3291 and BS7320) immediately after use; avoid handling of such devices by a second person.
- All sharps boxes must be sited as close as practical to where the sharp is to be used, but not left within reach of children or adults who may be at risk.
- Never try to retrieve anything from a sharps box.
- Use completely disposable sharps where possible (i.e. prefilled syringes rather than separate syringes and needles)
- Never overfill a sharps box – when approaching two thirds full (or the fill line stated on the box), contact your waste management supplier for a replacement.