

# **Safe Handling and Disposal of Sharps**

#### Who should attend?

This course is suitable for anyone who could be exposed to needles or syringes in their day to day work.

## **Course Aims & Objectives**

The purpose of the course is to give delegates an understanding of how to manage the risks of sharps injuries, and the associated risks of infection from blood-borne viruses.

By the end of the course delegates will:

- Have an understanding of how to safely dispose of sharps
- Be able to evaluate the risks and carry out risk assessments
- Understand what to do if an injury occurs

#### **Course Outline**

- The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- The risks of bacterial infection and viruses such as Hepatitis and HIV
- First Aid procedures following an injury
- Reporting a sharps injury
- Risk Assessments to reduce sharps injuries
- Evaluate the risks
- Safe handling of sharps
- Safe disposal of sharps
- Practical assessment

### Certification

Certificates of attendance will be awarded to delegates upon completion of the course.

#### **Duration**

½ Day

#### Location

We can offer courses on company premises for a maximum of 12 delegates.