

Home-Generated Sharps Law - SB 1305 Information

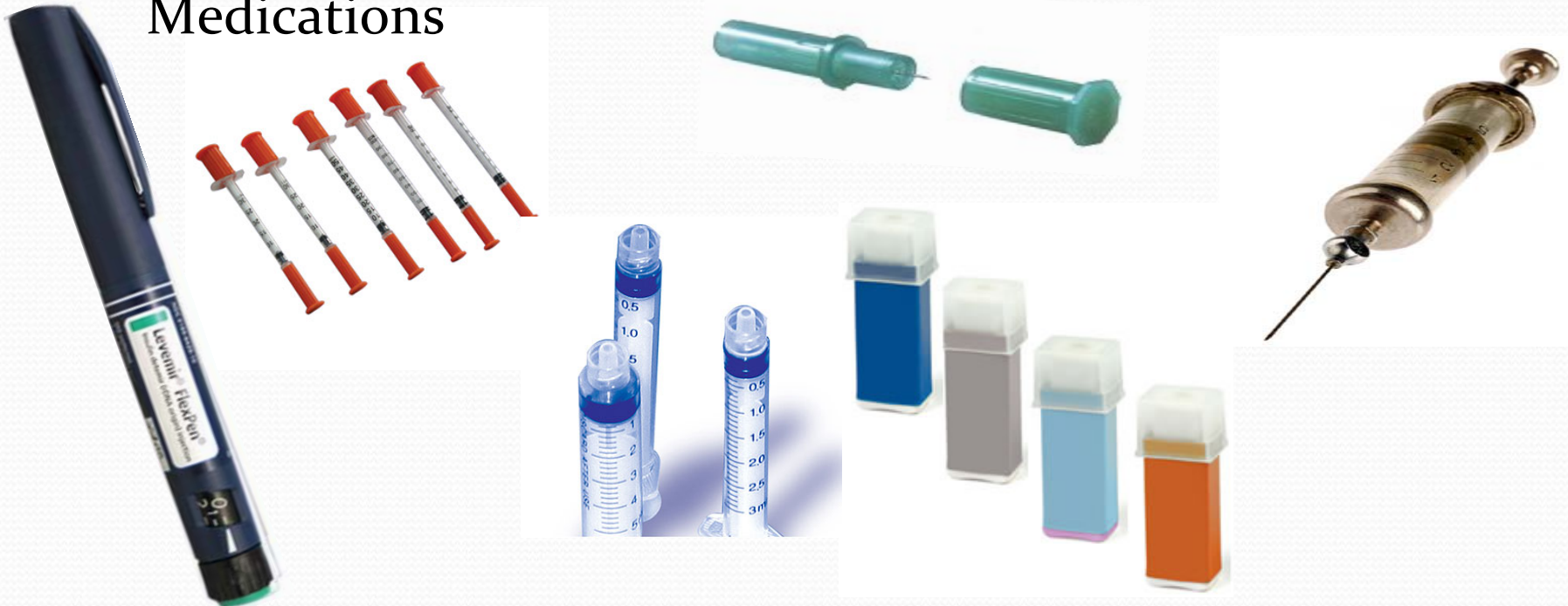


Home-Generated Sharps Law Enacted to Prevent This



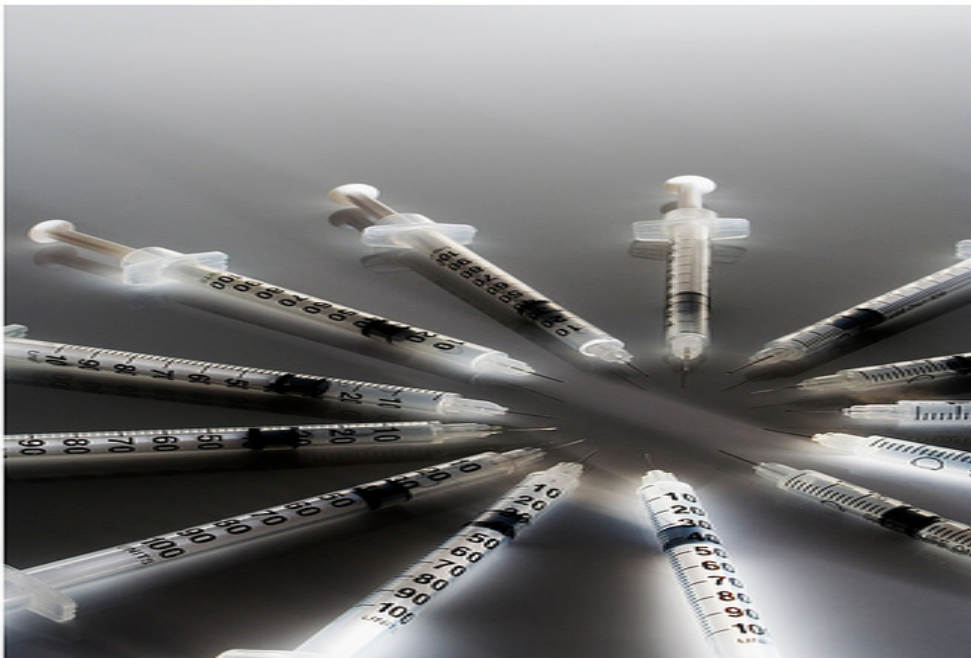
What Are Home-Generated Sharps?

- Hypodermic Needles
- Pen Needles
- Intravenous Needles
- Lancets, and
- Other Devices Used to Penetrate the Skin with Medications



Sharps Generated in California

- 486,000 People Self-Inject Insulin in California
- 355 Million Home-Generated Syringes Need Disposal options in California per Year



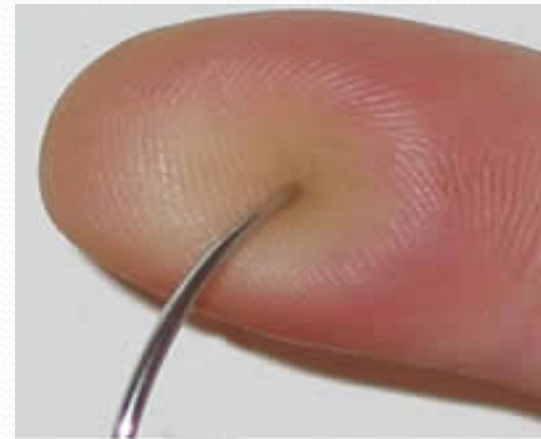
What Else Are Sharps Used For?

- Allergies
- Hepatitis
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Arthritis
- HIV/AIDS
- Osteoporosis
- Cancer
- Infertility
- Psoriasis
- Diabetes
- Migraines



Dangers of Getting Stuck with Used Sharps

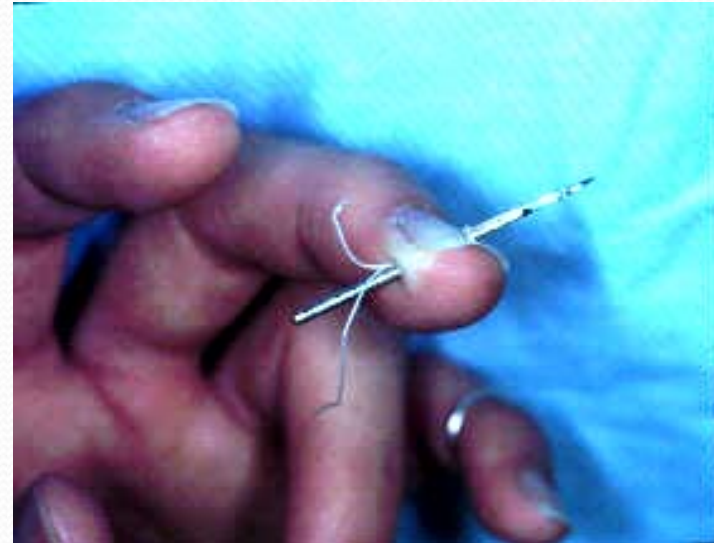
- Contract Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C
- Contract HIV/AIDS
- Get Injured from Needle Sticks



- Become Lodged in Recycling Equipment

Dangers of Getting Stuck with Sharps

- Disease Prevention Measures Need to Be Purchased(Protective Clothing)
- Expensive for Post-Injury Testing & Counseling
- Painful If You Get Stuck



SB 1305 - Sharps Law

Effective :

September 1, 2008

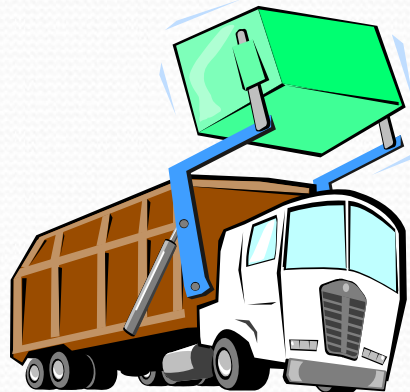


- Defined 'Home-Generated Sharps' Waste
- Home-Generated Sharps are *not* Medical Waste
- Requires Special Handling & Disposal of Sharps

Home-Generated Sharps Disposal Ban

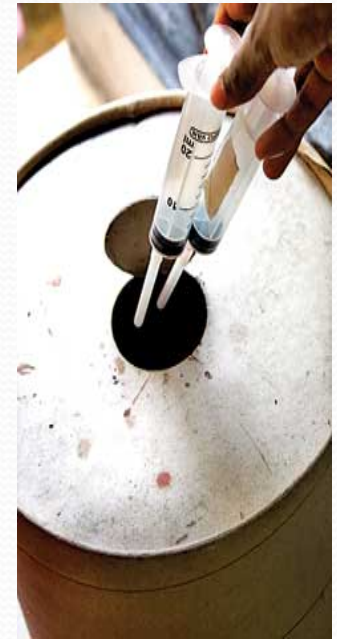
Sharps Can No Longer be Placed in:

- Trash Cans
 - Recycling Containers
 - Green Waste Containers



Where Can You Dispose of Home-Generated Sharps Waste?

- Household Hazardous Waste Facility,
- Sharps Consolidation Point,
- Medical Waste Generator Facility, or
- Mail-back Containers



Disposal Options

Approved Sharps Mail-Back Containers



Where Can the Public Find Out Where to Take Sharps?



www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/HealthCare/Collection/

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QUESTIONS?

