

# SHARPSGUARD® Sharps Injury

Action to be taken following a needlestick/sharps injury, human bite/scratch or splash of body fluid to the eyes or mouth.

## STEP 1

### First Aid

Encourage wound to bleed. Do not suck.  
Wash with soap & water. Dry and apply waterproof dressing. Use lots of water to wash away any body fluids and/or splashes to the eyes or mouth.

## STEP 2

### Report incident to:

Line manager or senior staff in the department.  
Complete accident form and dispatch.

## STEP 3

### Assess Infection Risk:

A. Unused/clean sharp = No risk of infection.  
Complete accident form and dispatch.

(if in doubt, seek further advice as in step 2)

B. Used/contaminated sharp or human bite/scratch or body fluids and/or splashes to eyes or mouth source known or unknown = Following First Aid Treatment report IMMEDIATELY to:

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C. Used /contaminated sharp, or body fluid splash to eyes or mouth if source known to be diagnosed as HIV Positive = Seek IMMEDIATE professional advice from:-  
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