## **LEARN MORE**

For more information on registering as a harm reduction program, email harmreduction@health.ok.gov

#### TULSA

Health Outreach Prevention Education, Inc. (H.O.P.E) H.O.P.E. Testing (hopetesting.org) 918-749-8378

Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Va.gov | 888-397-8387 VA Members Only

#### **OKLAHOMA CITY**

Safety Harm Reduction Education & Delivery, Inc. (SHRED THE STIGMA) shredthestigmaok.org 405-295-5167 Delivery: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

#### MUSKOGEE

Jack C. Montgomery VA
Medical Center
www.va.gov | 888-397-8387
VA Members Only

# WHAT IS HARM REDUCTION?

Harm reduction is aimed at reducing negative consequences of substance use. This can include providing people with sterile syringes or education on how to use drugs more safely. Harm reduction is about support, rather than judgment or blame.

#### SCAN TO VISIT

Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Services Resources







## SCAN TO DOWNLOAD

The Oklahoma
Department of
Environmental
Quality's Guide to
Safe Sharps Disposal

SUBSTANCE INJECTION

## WATER SAFETY





#### UNOPENED VIAL OF STERILE WATER

No added risk of bacterial infection.

Manufactured for medical use. therefore **completely safe** if used once and extra is thrown away.



#### Risk of bacterial infection.

Risk of bacterial infection is dependant on municipality and water source. Hot water is not hot enough to kill bacteria.



#### **SHARED CUP** OF WATER

#### Medium to high risk of bacteria.

Could have bacteria from shared drinks, the needle, or even blood. Throw this away and look for clean water.



#### TOILET **WATER**

#### High risk of bacteria.

Only get water from tank, never the bowl. Risk can be reduced by flushing the toilet before obtaining. Not recommended.



#### WATER BOILED IN A KETTLE AND COOLED

#### No added risk of bacterial infection.

Boil water for a minumum of 20 minutes. The tempurature of the water should reach 250°F and cooled to room temperature.



#### Risk of bacterial infection.

May contain bacteria if previously drank from. Pour into bottle cap to draw from to avoid further contamination.



#### **PARTIALLY USED VIAL OF STERILE WATER**

#### Medium to high risk of bacteria.

Could be contaminated by a needle. Additional risk of viral infection if there is blood present. Throw away used vials.



#### **PUDDLE WATER OR SALIVA**

#### Very high risk of bacteria.

Risk of bacterial infection is too great using this method, even as a last resort. Do not attempt.

### **DON'T USE DRUGS** ALONE

Carry **Naloxone**, know how to use it and let others know you have it.

**Never Use Alone Hotline:** 800-484-3731

