

## Needles and Syringes

Users of hypodermic syringes and needles must comply with applicable New York State Department of Health regulations, and users are responsible for appropriate certifications, procurement, storage, distribution, and appropriate disposal. New York State Department of Health requires all parties that need hypodermic needles and syringes to first obtain a license.

### Roles and Responsibilities

#### End User/Unit:

1. It is the unit's responsibility to obtain a license for needles and syringes.
2. To apply for a license, complete the Certificate of Need to Possess Hypodermic Syringes and Needles form, which is on the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement website at [www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-2278.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-2278.pdf).
3. Note the license number on each requisition or I Want Document.

#### Business Service Center

1. Ensure the license number is noted on each requisition.

#### Procurement

1. Procurement and Payment Services does not apply for nor maintain the license.

### Resources

For additional information, contact:

- Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement  
Riverview Center  
150 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12204  
Phone: 866-811-7957, option 3
- Cornell Environmental Health & Safety  
Website: [Safe Use of Needles and Syringes](#)  
Contact: Biosafety Specialist, [sem336@cornell.edu](mailto:sem336@cornell.edu)  
Contact: Biosafety Officer, [joshturner@cornell.edu](mailto:joshturner@cornell.edu)

### Regulations

- [Application for Certificate of Need to Possess Needles and Syringes](#)
- [10NYCRR Section 80.133 – Hypodermic Syringes and Needles; certificate of need](#)
- [NYS Narcotics Licensing](#)