

# You Can Buy Syringes Without a Prescription

It is legal for pharmacies to sell,  
and adults age 18 and over to possess,  
20 syringes without a prescription.

Pharmacists are NOT required to report or keep records of syringe sales, but may ask for proof of age. Syringe sales through pharmacies became legal on July 25, 2003 through IL Public Act 093-0392.

*Having trouble buying syringes?*

Ask your pharmacist to call AFC: 312-922-2322 x395.

# NEW!

# SAFE Syringe Disposal

There is a new program to help people dispose of their used syringes safely. Find out if your pharmacist is participating.

- Encourage your pharmacist to enroll in the **Sharps Container Pilot Program** by calling AFC at 312-922-2322 x395.
- Once enrolled, your pharmacist can give out **FREE sharps containers** to customers who purchase syringes without a prescription.
- Used syringes can be **locked** in the sharps container and then **thrown in the trash**.

For more information:

312-922-2322 x395 or visit [www.aidschicago.org/syringes.html](http://www.aidschicago.org/syringes.html)

**Illinois HIV/STD Hotline:**  
1-800-243-2437

**Dept. of Human Services Helpline:**  
1-800-843-6154