

# PREVENT HEPATITIS: BLOOD & INJECTION SAFETY

Unsafe injections account for **33%** of new hepatitis B infections<sup>1</sup>. A total of 21.7 million new infections each year<sup>1</sup>

**8 Billion** injections a year are given unnecessarily<sup>2</sup>. Over 70% of injected medications could be administered orally instead<sup>3</sup>

Unsafe injections account for **42%** of new hepatitis C infections<sup>1</sup>. A total of 2 million new infections each year<sup>1</sup>

Globally, up to **40%** of injections are still being given with re-used injecting equipment.<sup>3</sup> As high as 70% in some developing countries<sup>3</sup>

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Always demand safe practice and sterile equipment – don't risk getting needlessly exposed.

Every year 1.6 million blood donations are rejected due to hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV<sup>4</sup>

Some groups of people are more at risk than others:



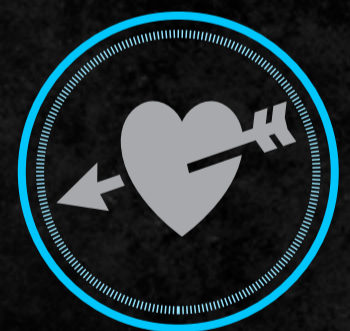
People who use drugs



Recipients of blood transfusions



People who have undergone invasive healthcare procedures with inadequate safety practices



People who have had tattoos or piercings

 Question if a medicine can be administered without the need for an injection

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