

The Center for Innovative Public Policies

a not-for-profit organization

Glossary of Terms

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z #

Select the first letter of the word from the list above to jump to appropriate section of the glossary. If the term you are looking for starts with a digit or symbol, choose the '#' link.

- A -

[Back to Top](#)

- B -

Booting

Using the plunger of the syringe to fill the barrel of the syringe with blood and then re-injecting the blood into the vein. This is done several times to make sure that the drug is fully discharged from the syringe and increases the "high".

[Back to Top](#)

- C -

Copping Place

Places where drugs can be purchased.

[Back to Top](#)

- D -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- E -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- F -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- G -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- H -**Harm Reduction**

A public policy strategy that seeks to minimize the risks associated with behaviors such as illicit drug use. The strategy acknowledges that the issue of drug abuse is complex. Rather than debate the merits of various approaches to abstinence or ways to win the "war on drugs", harm reduction efforts seek to reduce the risks to the health and well being of individual sin the real, non-policy world.

[Back to Top](#)

- I -**IDUs**

Injection drug users.

[Back to Top](#)

- J -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- K -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- L -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- M -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- N -

NEPs
Needle exchange programs; also called SEPs or syringe exchange programs.

[Back to Top](#)

- O -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- P -

Pooling
A common stock of syringes from which IDUs choose to inject drugs at a shooting gallery.

[Back to Top](#)

- Q -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- R -

Registering

The first stage of drug injection. The IDU inserts the needle into the vein and withdraws the plunger of the syringe looking for blood in the syringe. The presence of blood indicates a proper placement in the vein.

[Back to Top](#)

- S -

Sharing

The transfer of syringes and needles among IDUs. Research indicates that "sharing" is less an act of altruism or social connection as it is a practical response to needle scarcity.

Shooting Gallery

Locations where some IDUs gather to inject drugs, often sharing needles. Locations where some IDUs gather to inject drugs, often sharing needles.

[Back to Top](#)

- T -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- U -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- V -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- W -

Works

The drug paraphernalia – the cooker, the cotton, the needle, the hub, barrel and plunger of the syringe.

[Back to Top](#)

- X -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- Y -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- Z -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

- # -

(empty)

[Back to Top](#)

[About NEP](#) [NEP What's in it for Police?](#) [Biology of Addiction](#) [Considerations for Criminal Justice](#) [NEP's Bottom Line for Jails](#) [NASEN: Building Bridges](#) [Glossary of Terms](#) [NEP Staff Biographies](#)

[\[About Us\]](#) [\[Site Map\]](#) [\[Needle Exchange Program\]](#) [\[Staff Sexual Misconduct\]](#)
[\[Survival Guide for New Wardens\]](#) [\[Mc Campbell & Associates\]](#)
[\[What's New?\]](#) [\[Search\]](#) [\[Links\]](#) [\[CIPP Library\]](#)
[\[Contact Us\]](#) [\[Home\]](#)