







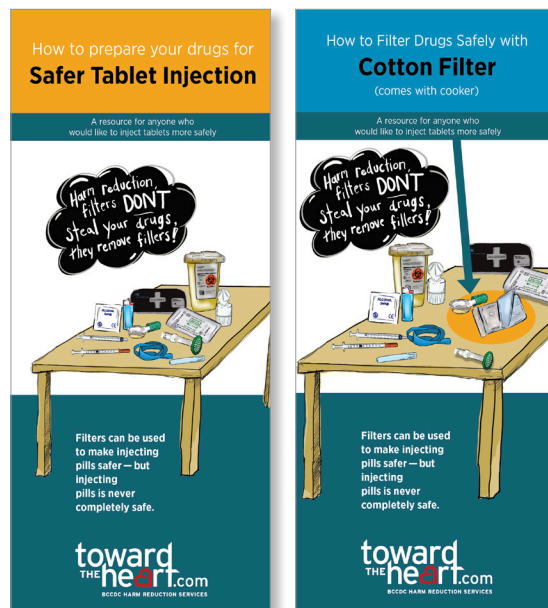
General Info

-  Use Sterifilt FAST if you can: They filter out more fillers than cotton filters.
-  The more you practice, the quicker and easier it gets to use these filters.
-  Have patience, get a good seal, and filter slowly for best results.
-  If the drugs are not drawing up, re-tighten the seal. Use a twisting motion as you push the same filter onto the syringe.
-  Use a 1cc or 0.5cc syringe.
-  If the mixture is cloudy, it means there are fillers. You may need to filter again with new equipment.






 Filters can be ordered by any harm reduction site in BC

Look for the other two brochures in this series:



To our loved ones, nearest and dearest who have died during a time when all overdose deaths are preventable.

-  Find a harm reduction site or overdose prevention site: towardtheheart.com/site-finder
-  Get more information on safer injection practices: towardtheheart.com/resource/safer-injection/open
-  Watch videos on how to use filters: ow.ly/9PUA50CoBw0



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How to Filter Drugs with Sterifilt FAST

A resource for anyone who would like to inject tablets more safely



Filters can be used to make injecting pills safer — but injecting pills is never completely safe.



Equipment (new or sterile)



Alcohol swab



1cc or 0.5cc syringe with or without needle



Sterile water



Cooker



Tie (tourniquet)

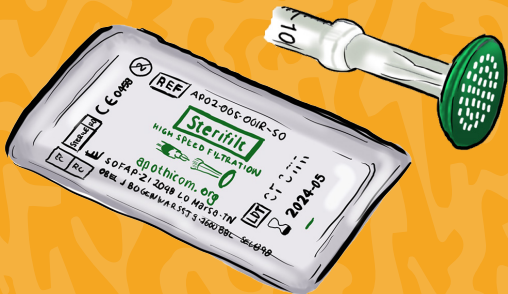


Filter



Something clean to crush your tablets or capsule beads with (e.g., pill crusher, spoons, paper, plunger end of rig)

Harm reduction filters **DONT** steal your drugs, they remove fillers!

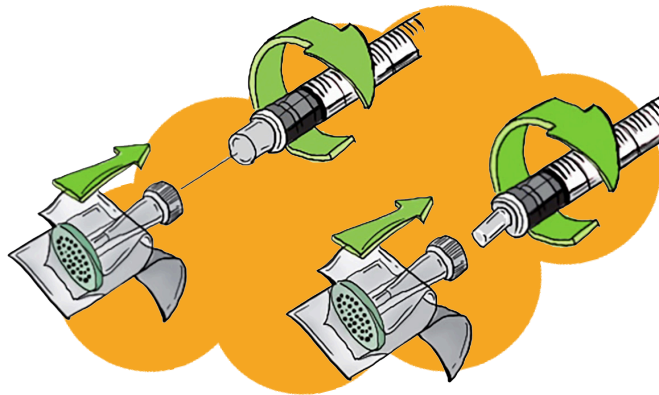


Preparation

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Attach Sterifilt **FAST** to your syringe

- + Have your supplies ready.
- + Open halfway in a peeling motion. Keep filter in the packaging – try not to touch with your fingers.
- + Connect filter to syringe by gently but firmly twisting. You will hear a click.
- + Don't push needle against sides of filter.
- + If you use a needleless syringe, the filter goes where the needle would go – attach the needle after you filter the dose into the syringe.

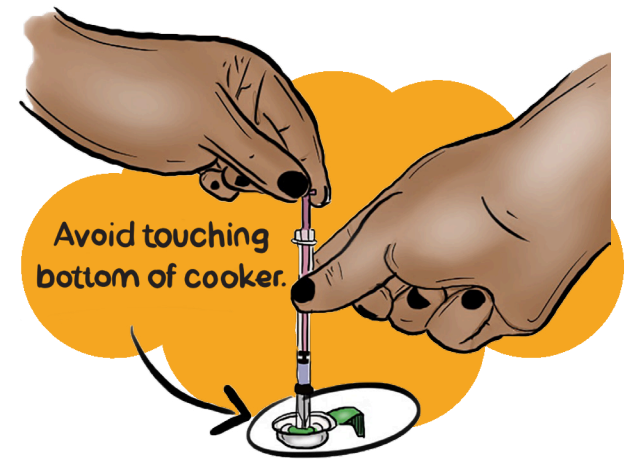


Preparation continued

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Filter drugs (can take 20 to 60 seconds)

- + Place filter into cooker without touching the bottom.
- + Pull on syringe plunger slowly to avoid air bubbles. Give some time for dose to fill syringe as you're pulling.
- + Turn syringe and tap to remove any air bubbles.
- + If the drugs are not drawing up, re-tighten the seal. Twist as you push the same filter onto the syringe.
- + Get ready for injection.



Throw away needles, cookers and filters in sharps container for safety.