



# WARNING



There has been an increase in serious skin and blood poisoning infections among people who use drugs in Scotland.



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**G** Group A  
Streptococcus &  
Staphylococcus

- You are at risk if you: inject, smoke or snort substances such as heroin, cocaine or crack cocaine

- It is transmitted by: person to person contact, sharing equipment (including pipes) and through injecting

**A** Ask yourself,  
do I have...

- Weeping wounds or wounds that are getting bigger and/or redder?

- Limbs or infected sites that are swelling and are becoming painful?

- High fever/chills?

- Severe muscle /joint aches?

- Vomitting /diarrhoea?

- Unusual confusion /disorientation?

**S** Stop, Think  
and Seek help

- Wash hands and injecting sites before preparing, injecting and smoking

- Do not share any equipment

- Use new equipment every time

- Avoid skin and muscle popping



**DANGER!**

**These infections can be life threatening, please seek urgent medical advice if you experience any of these symptoms**