



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

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**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

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**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?
- Vomiting / diarrhoea?
- Unusual confusion / disorientation?

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**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

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