



Santa Clara Police Training Flash



SAFER SMOKING SUPPLIES CA H&S 121349.1

The County of Santa Clara's Needle Exchange Program (www.SCCNEX.org) is now distributing safer smoking supplies to their clients in accordance with California Health and Safety Code 121349.1.

California Health and Safety Code 121349.1 further specifies,
"Program participants shall not be subject to criminal prosecution for possession of needles or syringes or any materials deemed by a local or state health department to be necessary to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, or to prevent drug overdose, injury, or disability acquired from an authorized needle and syringe exchange project entity."



Needle Exchange Program participants will be assured that it is legal to possess all safer drug use equipment provided by the County.

All participants will be reminded that they should **present their NEX program client ID card to law enforcement** if stopped, to avoid being cited under paraphernalia laws or having unused paraphernalia confiscated.

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Participants will be informed that if they are cited by police for paraphernalia for possessing County provided equipment, they are eligible for a letter of support to the judge in their case from the County of Santa Clara's Needle Exchange Program.

