

Tips for Safer Crack Smoking



Tips for Safer Crack Smoking

The Works
(416) 392-0520

- Always **use your own pipes and mouthpieces**, infections like Hep C can easily spread from person to person through cuts and burns on your mouth so don't share
- Use something to **protect your mouth and fingers from burns**. Some needle exchange programs provide rubber tubing
- **Try not to use brillo** as a screen, the little fibers can break off and burn your mouth and throat and brillo has toxins that you will inhale when you smoke. Brass screens given out by needle exchange programs don't have toxins and pieces don't break off as easily as brillo.
- **Heating the brass screens** before packing them will make them easier to work with
- When smoking, **move the flame around** to prevent hot spots that could crack the stem
- Try to buy rock from a **reliable source**
- Try to dispose of your used pipe at a needle exchange program - it helps keep the **community clean and safe**

Buying and Scoring Users can:

- score discretely. Don't carry drugs/money in the open or in the same place on your person every time
- know your dealers and have a variety of sources
- know how drugs taste (i.e. wax vs. crack)
- decide how much you want to spend, and score all in one go. The risk of arrest, overspending, and being ripped off increases every time a user goes to score
- avoid street credit (borrowing) and thus street debt, which can result in violence
- score for yourself