

# Homeless? Injecting?

**You need to know about a type of skin infection becoming more common.**

**It is harmless until you inject it, but if you do it can cause ‘invasive group A streptococcal disease’**

**It is very dangerous. Early signs and symptoms:**

- High fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Tenderness in one muscle area
- Redness at the site of a wound

**If this happens to you, or someone you know, contact your GP or seek medical advice immediately.**

Tell them that you are at risk of invasive group A strep infection, and that you have developed some symptoms that you are worried about. It is very likely that you need to see a doctor.

**Prevention: wash your injecting sites with soap and water whenever you can and, if possible, before injecting.**