

Tubing

Q & A

As of April 1, 2019 OHRDP will be adding a new size of tubing to the harm reduction supply order form.

How to tell the difference between the tubing for straight stems vs bowl pipes

bowl pipes: Green Line Hose & Fittings, Size: 3/8" x 1/2"



straight pipes: Kuri Tec, Size: 7/16" x 9/16"



Suggestions for storing and identifying

A site provided the following suggestions:

- store the two boxes **separately** in your storage area
- clearly **label** different tubing on shelves in your storeroom so other staff can differentiate
- use **colour coding**: different coloured reusable bags or coloured bins to store them in bulk
- if you can, **use the same colour codes you use for kits** (example: if you use green bags for straight stem kits and blue bag for bowl pipe kits, use green bins for the straight stem tubes (7/16" x 9/16") and blue bins for the tubing for bowl pipes (3/8" x 1/2"))

We know you will find your own way to differentiate this tubing at your NSP and would welcome hearing about your methods so we can share with others.

The importance of encouraging clients to use mouthpieces

Please continue to encourage clients to use mouthpieces on both the straight stem and the bowl pipe to decrease the risk of injury, becoming infected or transmitting diseases. Best Practice Recommendations for when equipment is considered unsafe and needs to be replaced include:

- the pipe and mouthpiece have been used by anyone else
- the pipe is scratched, chipped or cracked
- the mouthpiece is burnt
- the screens shrink and are loose in the stem (straight pipe)