



58 to 80 million people worldwide are living with HCV

Is it common?

blood borne virus.

HCV, Hepatitis C, is a

What is HCV?

# How to Stay Safer..

## HCV Edition



- Inject drugs
- Share equipment when using drugs
- Share personal items that involve blood or body fluids when the other person has HCV
- Have multiple sex partners

risk if you...

But, you're most at



Yeah, anyone can.

So, can I get HCV?

Find out more about harm reduction at [PreventOverdoseRI.com](http://PreventOverdoseRI.com)



Order Free Condoms at: [health.ri.gov/findcondoms](http://health.ri.gov/findcondoms)

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- If you go untreated, it may lead to...
- Cirrhosis (scarring of the liver)
- Liver Cancer
- Death

1 out of 2 people who get HCV get a chronic infection

Treatment is available!

- fever
- tired more than usual
- not feeling hunger
- dark urine
- vomiting or throwing up



Symptoms

### SSPs in Rhode Island

1. PWR  
Pawtucket  
Tel: 401-867-2882  
@ 124 Broad St 1st Floor  
Providence  
Tel: 401-383-4888  
@ 640 Broad St



2. ENCORE  
TEL: 401-781-0665

### Testing Locations

1. AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS)  
Tel: (401) 273-1888
2. Sojourner House  
Tel: (401) 861-6191
3. PWR (See above)
4. TESTING 1-2-3  
[www.testing123ri.com](http://www.testing123ri.com)

- Always use fresh equipment
- Don't share equipment, especially if the other person has HCV

How do I avoid being at risk if I use drugs?

the meantime

- Do not share personal items with others in
- Get tested
- Do not share personal



I've been exposed, what do I do?

### Where do I get this stuff and get tested?

Syringe Service Programs (SSPs)

### They may have...

- Free HCV testing and treatment referral
- New needles, cookers, pipes, pushers, chore boys
- Condoms
- Ointment
- Sharps containers

