

# Understanding CRA's Participant Code

This code is created for all participants in CRA's outreach who are exchanging syringes. It is unique and reproducible but will not identify someone. It is an anonymous code.

Having a card which matches one's identity conveys legal exemption to the Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act (720 ILCS 635 et seq.) due to the research conducted as part of our work. Such exemption means someone with a matching card is legally allowed to carry syringes anywhere in Illinois

CRA maintains no information on any participant which would identify them -- thus the anonymity of this participant code is assured.

Below is a key to making, reproducing or matching a seven character participant card to a person:

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F or M for Male/ Female	1st letter of first name	month of birth (01 = January, 12 = December)		day of birth (01-31)		1st letter of mother's first name

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