

Found a used needle in your community?

Follow these steps to dispose of it safely.

Treat all needles, crack pipes, and other drug equipment (cookers, blades, etc.) as contaminated.

Please teach your children that if they find a needle, not to touch it and tell an adult.

1



Find a hard plastic container with a screw on lid.

Place the container on the ground or hard flat surface next to the needle.

2



Wear gloves (e.g., Latex, rubber, leather gardening glove).

Use tongs, pliers, or tweezers to pick up the needle by the plastic end (barrel).

3



Point the needle tip away from your body.

Do not try to put the cap back on the needle.

Place the needle point down into the container.

Close the container securely.

4



Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

5



Find the nearest designated needle disposal location.

Safe needle disposal

- ✓ Pharmacy
- ✓ Needle drop box
- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Toilet
- ✗ Recycling bin



For more information about safe sharps disposal, visit:
www.nshealth.ca/public-health/harm-reduction