

Found a needle, now what?



Found on Private Property:





(e.g. homes, apartments, condos, commercial)

- Property owners are responsible for removing needle waste found on their property. See below for instructions or call for help.

Adults can safely dispose of a found needle by following these steps:

Reminder: Children should never touch a discarded needle.

Equipment:
Sturdy container with lid,
(e.g., empty pop bottle)
Tongs & gloves,
(e.g., latex or puncture proof)

<p>1 Bring a puncture-proof, sealable container to the needle (e.g., empty pop bottle).</p> 	<p>2 Carefully pick up the needle by the middle of the plastic tube with the sharp end facing down.</p> 
<p>3 Place the needle in the container sharp end first. Close the container tightly.</p> 	<p>5 Bring the container to a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Community needle disposal bin,b) Needle Syringe Program site,c) Local household hazardous waste site <p>For disposal site locations visit: www.hamilton.ca/NeedleDisposal</p> <p>Never flush or dispose of needles in the garbage or in Blue Box containers</p>
<p>4 Remove gloves; wash your hands and equipment with soap and water.</p> 	

What if a needle pokes me?

The risk of serious infection from a discarded needle poke is very low, but it is important to take care of this kind of injury.

- Allow the puncture site to bleed freely.
- Wash the area well with soap and water.
- Go to any emergency room.

NEED HELP? Contact the City of Hamilton 905-546-2489

For more information about harm reduction supplies and safe disposal in Hamilton, call 905-546-4276 or visit: www.hamilton.ca/NeedleDisposal

