

Found a needle? Protect yourself. Dispose of it safely!

Children must be taught never to touch a discarded needle, but to show an adult where it is. Adults can safely pick up and dispose of a found needle by following the steps below.

You will need:

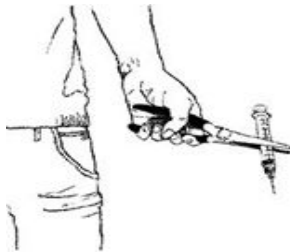
- pliers, tongs or tweezers
- a non-breakable, puncture proof container with a screw-top lid – like a thick plastic jar, empty bleach or fabric softener bottle



Take the pliers and container to where the needle is.

Place the container on a stable surface.

Use the pliers to carefully pick up the needle.



Hold the needle tip away from you.

Be careful not to prick yourself with the needle.



Carefully put the needle into the container, needle end first.

Close the container tightly.

Wash your hands.



Do not dispose of needles in your curbside garbage or Blue Box containers.

Take the container to your local household hazardous waste site. A listing of household hazardous waste sites and drop off days can be found in the green pages of your telephone book, or at www.region.waterloo.on.ca/waste