



Interior Health
Every person matters

SAFE DISPOSAL

of needles and drug paraphernalia

Anyone using a needle to inject should dispose of it safely. However, that's not always the case, and sometimes discarded needles and drug paraphernalia are found in public areas. Safe disposal saves others from getting hurt accidentally.

SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL

- Do not try to replace the cap on the needle, snap, break or bend the needle.
- Pick up needle using work or latex gloves and tongs or tweezers, holding needle point away from you.
- Put the needle in a metal or hard plastic container that has a lid, such as a product or drink bottle.
- Replace cap on container firmly and label it.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Drop off the sealed container at your local health unit or at a community drop box.



SAFE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA DISPOSAL

- Pick up paraphernalia—such as cookers, stems or pipes using work or latex gloves.
- Place items into double plastic bags, tie-off and dispose in the garbage.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

IF YOU ARE PRICKED BY A NEEDLE

- Quickly wash the pricked area with soap and warm water.
- Go to your nearest emergency room for immediate medical attention

Find out if there is a community drop box in your area by contacting your municipal office.

