Safe Needle Pick-up and Disposal

DO NOT
recap the needle

DO NOT
put in garbage / recycling

DO NOT
flush down toilet

- ☑ Wear garden, medical or work gloves.

- ☑ Use tweezers, pliers or tongs to pick up by the end that is NOT the sharp end. Keep needle away from your body.

- ☑ Place the needle, sharp end first, into a hard container that needles cannot poke through (biohazard container, jar, liquid detergent bottle).

- ☑ Wash your hands with soap and water.

- ☑ Store the container in a safe place away from children until you can safely dispose of it.

- ☑ Place the container in a needle drop box in your community or drop off at your local public health office.

ASK FOR HELP
Found a needle on public property?
Not comfortable picking it up?
Call your local fire department or public health office!

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what to do when a needle is found!**

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What should I do if I poke myself with a needle?

☑ **Wash your hands thoroughly**

☑ **Put a clean dressing on the wound**

☑ **See a family doctor or go to the emergency department immediately!**

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