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.



Bring a puncture-proof, sealable container to the needle (e.g., empty pop bottle).



Carefully pick up the needle by the middle of the plastic tube with the sharp end facing down.

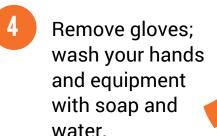
Equipment:

Sturdy container with lid, (e.g., empty pop bottle)

Tongs & gloves, (e.g., latex or puncture proof)



Place the needle in the container sharp end first. Close the container tightly.





Bring the container to a:

- a) Community needle disposal bin,
- b) Needle Syringe Program site,
- c) Local household hazardous waste site
 For disposal site locations visit:
 www.hamilton.ca/NeedleDisposal

Never flush or dispose of needles in the garbage or in Blue Box containers

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

