

WARNING: DANGEROUS ITEM

How to handle syringes

1. Syringes must be collected in actual sharps containers, not in plastic drink bottles.
2. Bring the sharps container to the syringe (not the other way around) and secure its position on the ground.
3. Wearing gloves, carefully pick up the object using tongs and place it into the container, sharp end first.
4. Replace the lid securely on the sharps container before attempting to move it.

In the event of a needle stick injury

1. Stay calm. The risk of infection by HIV or hepatitis from a needle stick sustained in the environment (as opposed to a medical setting) is extremely low.
2. Wash the area with soap and running water (if not available use an alcohol-based hand rinse).
3. Apply antiseptic and a band-aid.
4. Seek medical assistance as soon as possible from your local doctor or hospital.

After collection

1. Wash hands with soap and water on completion, or use an antiseptic hand wipe.
2. At the conclusion of the event, take the sharps container to your local hospital, council or health care centre.
3. At no time should needles or syringes be touched directly with bare hands and no attempts should be made to cover, break or bend the needle.

WARNING!

DO NOT TOUCH NEEDLES

**Do not handle syringes or
other dangerous objects**

**Please report any syringes
and dangerous objects
to the nearest adult**

