

Safe Sharps Pick-up and Disposal

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Gather equipment

- Gather a hard-sided or puncture-proof container, disposable gloves and tongs, if available
- Place container on flat, secure surface
- Put on gloves

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Pick-up sharp

- Grab the sharp by the barrel (if syringe) with tongs or fingers
- Keep sharp end pointed away from you and place sharp-side down into container
- Close and secure/lock the lid

Note:

- Leave container on the surface (not in your hand)
- Do not recap needles
- Do not insert fingers into the opening of the container
- Do not try to pick up more than one sharp at a time
- Keep your free hand out of the way when picking up a sharp

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Dispose

- Place container in community sharps bin or bring to a local needle syringe program, participating pharmacy or hazardous waste depot

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Clean equipment and wash hands

- Remove disposable gloves and put in garbage
- If puncture-proof gloves or tongs were used, wipe them with a disinfectant wipe and allow to air dry
- Wash your hands with soap and water, disinfecting hand wipe or alcohol-based hand sanitizer

**THANK YOU FOR
HELPING TO KEEP
THE COMMUNITY
SAFER.**