

What Do You Do When You Find a Needle in the Community?



Finding needles in the community is a health and safety concern. You need to know what to do when you find a needle.

Can these needles be dangerous?

Like any object with sharp edges, such as broken glass, needles can be dangerous if not handled safely.

How can you safely get rid of a used needle?

- Get a glass jar or other hard container with a lid that needles cannot poke through.
- Pick up the needle by the end that is not sharp and always keep the pointed end away from you.
- Do **NOT** put the cap back on the needle: many injuries have happened that way.
- Put the needle in the container. If there is a needle cap, put it in the container too.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Store the container in a safe place and away from children.
- For disposal or pickup of needle(s), call local supports listed below, a Fire Department or drop off the container at a harm reduction location or needle drop box.
- In North Battleford, drop boxes are located on the North side of Frontier Mall, the 1300 block of 102nd across from the Kramer building, at the Lighthouse and at the Friendship Centre.



What should you do if you poke yourself with a needle?

- Encourage the wound to bleed by gently squeezing it.
- Immediately wash the wound and the area around it with soap and water.
- Immediately go to the Hospital Emergency Department.



For advice concerning needles found in the community, please contact your local supports: a Community Health Clinic, Harm Reduction location or Public Health.

Battle River Treaty 6 Health 306-937-6700

Population Health Services: 306-446-6400 (Harm Reduction Location)

Battlefords Sexual Health Clinic: 306-937-6846 (Harm Reduction Location)

