

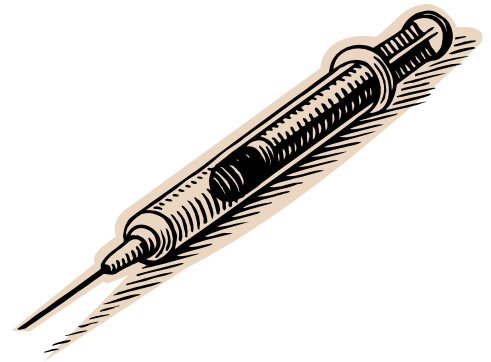
If You Find a Needle Be Careful!

Where are used needles found in our community?

- Discarded needles and syringes may be found in parks, on beaches, in public washrooms, schoolyards and other locations.

What should I do if I find a discarded needle?

- Do not touch it with your bare hands.
- Used syringes can carry viruses that cause diseases such as Hepatitis and AIDS.



What should I do if I must pick up the needle?

- Wear heavy gloves or use thick cloth or tongs to pick up the needle.
- Hold needle tip away from you and be careful not to prick yourself.
- Choose a can or plastic container with a lid, place needle tip down into container, seal securely.
- Do not put the jar or can in the garbage.
- Take the jar or can to York Region Community and Health Services, York Region Police or a local hospital emergency department.

What should I do if a discarded needle accidentally hurts me?

- Wash the part that is injured with soap and water.
- Seek immediate medical attention for treatment.

**For further information please call:
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Or
Street Outreach at 1-866-553-4053**