

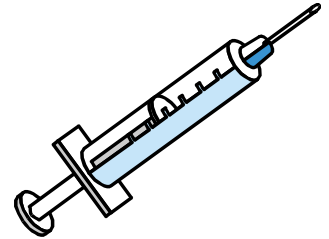
## ***If You Find a Needle Be Careful!***

### **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 diseases such as Hepatitis and AIDS.



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

- Wear heavy gloves or use a thick cloth or tongs to pick up the needle.
- Hold needle tip away from you, 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 Health Services, 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:  
York Region Health Services,  
Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653**