

Needle Safety - It's Everyone's Concern!

If you find a used needle, follow the steps below for safe pick up and disposal.

- Do **not** recap the needle.
- Wear garden, work or medical gloves.
- Use tweezers, pliers or tongs to pick up by the end that is not the sharp end. Keep away from your body.
- Place the needle, sharp end first, into a hard container (e.g. liquid laundry detergent or bleach container) and mark as "Used Needles".
- **Call 306-655-4664 if you do not have these clean-up items.**
- Fill a container no more than 3/4 full.
- Put the container lid on tight.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Store the container in a safe place until you can dispose of it.
- Do not place needles in city garbage or recycling bins.
- Place in a needle drop box in your community. Call **306-655-4444** for needle drop locations.
- Call the Saskatoon Fire & Protective Services at **306-975-3030** if you have found a needle on public property and cannot follow the steps for safe pick up and disposal.



What should you tell children about finding needles?

Educate your children.

Tell them to:

- Never touch or pick up needles.
- Always call an adult.

Are used needles dangerous?

Needle poke injuries are:

- a public health concern
- low risk for spreading hepatitis or HIV infection.

There have been no reported hepatitis or HIV infections from a community needle poke injury in Saskatoon Health Region.

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

- Allow the wound to bleed.
- Wash all exposed areas with soap and water.
- Go immediately to an Emergency Room for care. Tell them you have been poked by a needle.

For more information
on Needle Safety &
Disposal, call
306-655-4444