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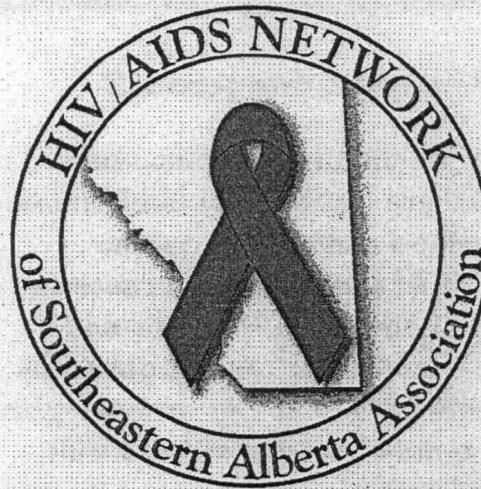
## What If You Use Needles At Home For Medical Purposes?

- Only fill a container three quarters full. If the container is too full, the needles may poke through the side of the container. Carefully store needle containers away from children.
- Needle containers should be brought down to the HIV/AIDS Network or your local hospital for proper disposal.
- By safely disposing of your needles, you will be helping to provide a safe environment for everyone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
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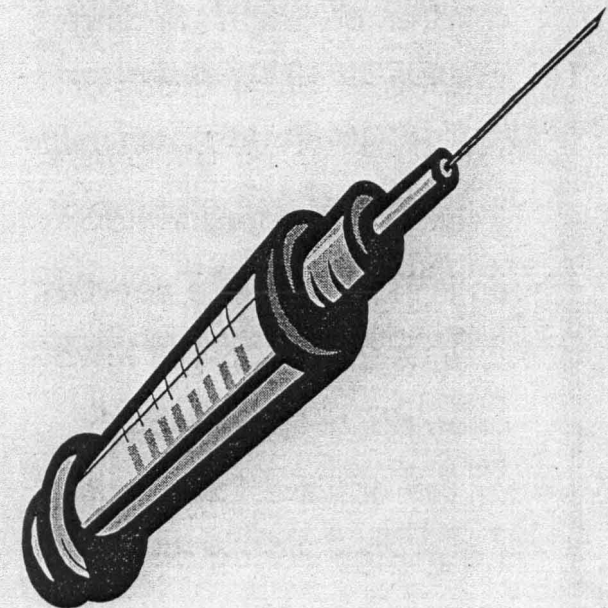
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# What Do I Do When I Find A Needle?



## Finding A Needle In The Community

Finding needles in the community are a health and safety concern. Everyone needs to know what to do when a needle is found. Each year, there are reports about children or adults finding needles on play grounds or other places in the community. In some cases people have been injured by these needles. These needles may not have been discarded properly after use or have fallen out of the garbage during disposal.

### Are needles dangerous?

Yes!! When a needle has been used there is often blood left inside. This blood can contain germs. Some of these germs can cause serious diseases like Hepatitis and HIV. If a child or adult is poked by a needle found in the community, he or she may become infected with the disease.

### What should you tell children about finding needles?

Tell children to never touch or pick up found needles. They should tell an adult immediately.



### How can an adult safely get rid of a used needle?

- Get a jar or another hard container that needles can't pole through. The container must have a lid. You can use a bleach bottle, coffee tin, or peanut butter jar.
- Put the container on a flat surface.
- Pick the needle up by the end that is not sharp and keep the pointed end away from you.
- Never put the cap back on the needle. Many injuries have happen this way.
- Put the needle in the container. If there is a needle cap, put it in the container too. Put the lid on tightly and tape the lid.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS!!**
- Store the container in a safe place and away from children.
- Bring the container to the HIV/AIDS Network or to your local hospital for proper disposal.