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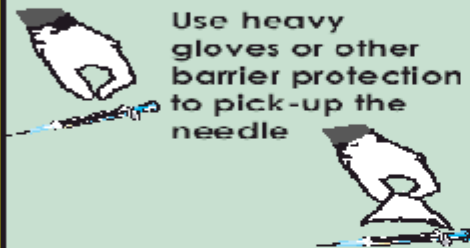
Needles Are A Danger



- Always assume the needle is contaminated
- Do not injure yourself or others

1.

Use heavy gloves or other barrier protection to pick-up the needle



2.

Pick-up the needle holding the tip away from you and others

- Do not separate syringe from needle
- Do not manipulate the needle in any manner
- Do not recap the needle
- Avoid excessive handling of the needle



3.

Place needle in an empty, hard plastic container (e.g. bleach jug or similar container with lid).

- Seal (cap) container tightly and secure with tape
- Clearly label container "SHARPS"



4.

Take the container to a Regional Waste Disposal Site

- Oshawa: 1640 Ritson Rd., N.
- Port Perry: 1623 Reach Street



NOTE: This procedure reduces the risk of an accidental needlestick injury which may be a source of infection. The information provided is meant for needles found out in the community and is not intended to be applied to biomedical waste from healthcare facilities, laboratories, or private homes. Do not place needles into the household garbage for local garbage pick-up.

NOTE: Should an accidental needlestick injury occur, the injured person should go immediately to one of the following Hospital Emergency Departments for assessment and to determine the need for further treatment.

- Lakeland Health - Oshawa: 1 Hospital Court, Oshawa, ON L1G 3B9
- Rouge Valley Health System - Ajax Pickering Health Centre: 580 Hardwood Ave., Ajax, ON, L1S 2J4

**For more information, contact Durham Region Health Department
Environmental Help Line, 905-723-3818 ext. 2188 or 1-888-777-9613 ext. 2188**

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