

Guide to

SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL



Safe Space
Community Clean-Up
& Safe Needle Disposal

DON'T TOUCH



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Do not touch the needle

If you find a used needle in a public place, the safest action is to leave it alone. Do not attempt to pick it up with bare hands under any circumstances.

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Keep others away from the area

Alert people nearby, especially children and pets, to stay clear of the needle. Tell children never to pick up a needle but to let an adult know if they find one. Mark the area if possible to prevent accidental contact while waiting for proper disposal.

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Report if found in a public place

Contact Esperance Shire Council on 90710666 (only available during office hours) to report the location. They have trained personnel and proper equipment to safely remove and dispose of sharps. Please report areas of high numbers.

IF YOU MUST



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Use a puncture-proof container

If pick-up is unavailable and you must handle it yourself, use a hard plastic, puncture-proof container with a secure lid. Never use glass, thin plastic bags, or cardboard containers.

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Pick up by the blunt end only

Bring the container to the needle and place on the ground. Do not try to re-cap the needle. Use tongs, pliers, or thick gloves to grasp the needle by its blunt end (opposite the sharp tip) and put the needle, point first, into the container. Never touch the needle directly with bare hands.

DISPOSE



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Seal and dispose properly

Secure the lid tightly on your container. Then place container in regular waste (green) bin **NOT** recycling.

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For more information

Working together for cleaner, safer public spaces. Report needle sightings to help protect our community. For more information, contact your Safe Space Representative on 0475863302.