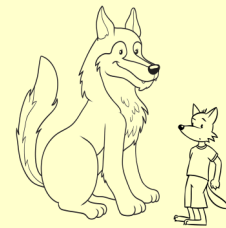


Needle Safety

Loose needles should be treated as dangerous objects.

To protect yourself follow these safety steps:

- **Make sure your hands are free of any cuts or scratches.**
- **Have a secure hard plastic or metal container within reach.**
- **Keep the needle pointed away from you and those with you.**
- **Inform those around you that you are holding a needle.**
- **Keep your fingers away from the tip.**
- **If you cannot grasp the non-sharp end, use tongs to pick the needle up.**
- **Place the needle into the container and cover with secure lid.**
- **Wash hands immediately after handling a needle.**



Source: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/patientinstructions/000444.htm>

For more information, please contact
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What to do if someone gets a needle stick:

1. Wash the stick or cut thoroughly with warm water and soap.
2. Seek medical treatment immediately.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/emergnedl.html>

How do I dispose of needles?

According to the Kentucky Division of Waste management, items such as needles, syringes, and other sharp objects should be:

- Put into a metal or hard plastic container with screw-on lid such as a laundry detergent bottle or a metal coffee can.
- Tape lid with durable tape such as duct or electrical tape.
- Label container **"NOT RECYCLABLE"** with a bold permanent marker.
- Place in household trash or take to hazardous waste collection event in your area.

Source: http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Pages/medical_waste.aspx



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