

What to do if you find a needle on campus or in public?



1) Find a container that is safe for sharps. This would be ideally be a sharps container, but if you don't have one, any container that is resealable, puncture-proof, and is made of thick plastic/ metal (e.g. coffee can, water bottle, etc.).

2) Safely pick up the needle. You can do this using tongs or gloves, or only grabbing the barrel of the needle. Never grab it by the tip or try to recap the needle.

3) Put the needle TIP DOWN into the container. Make sure you cannot prick yourself in this process.

4) Label the container with marker if not already labelled.

5) Bring the container to a safe disposal site & their staff can permanently dispose of it. Positive Living Niagara (120 Queenston St., St Catharines) is one of our key disposal sites.

There are also many public disposal containers in locations like public washrooms. Advocating for more disposal bins in the region will help with the ease of disposing needles when you find them.

Sharps disposal locations at Brock

Almost all campus bathrooms (main campus and Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine & Performing Arts) are equipped with sharps disposal containers.



You can also get smaller sized sharps containers for your backpack from Positive Living Niagara.



***Pro-tip: You can also support those impacted by the stigma around using needles by sharing these steps with your communities, organizing community clean-ups, and getting training in harm reduction & Naloxone!**

To get trained and get a Naloxone kit, please contact Positive Living Niagara.



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