

DISPOSING OF NEEDLES SAFELY

If you find a discarded needle in a public place, you can call your local Public Health Unit to find out about collection options.

Or follow these steps to safely dispose of the needle:



- Find a rigid plastic container with a secure lid (e.g. a pop bottle or liquid laundry bottle)
- Remove the lid and place the container on the ground beside the needle
- Do not break or recap the needle



- Pick up the needle by the centre of the barrel
- Use latex gloves or tongs, if available
- Always point the sharp end of the needle down and away from you



- Do not hold the container in your hand
- Put the needle in the container sharp-end first and secure the lid



- Safely dispose of the container at your local pharmacy, Public Health Unit or Harm Reduction site



- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water



What to do if you have been poked or scratched by a needle?

- Don't panic. The risk of infection is low. There are no reports of HIV infection following a needle stick injury in the community.
- Wash the affected area with soap and water. Do not squeeze.
- Seek medical attention immediately.



Who to call if you don't want to pick it up?

Call your local Public Health Unit to find out about collection options:

Your Local Public Health Unit

Abbotsford

604.864.3400
104-34194 Marshall Road

Burnaby

604.918.7605
300-4946 Canada Way

Delta – North

604.507.5400
11245 84 Avenue

Hope

604.860.7630
Box 176, 444 Park Street

Maple Ridge

604.476.7000
400-22470 Dewdney Trunk Rd.

New Westminster

604.777.6740
218-610 Sixth Street

Surrey – Guildford

604.587.4750
100-10233 153 Street

Surrey – North

604.587.7900
220-10362 King George Blvd.

White Rock – South Surrey

604.542.4000
Berkeley Pavillion
15476 Vine Avenue

Agassiz

604.793.7160
7243 Pioneer Avenue

Chilliwack

604.702.4900
45470 Menholm Road

Delta – South (Ladner)

604.952.3550
4470 Clarence Taylor Way

Langley

604.539.2900
20389 Fraser Highway

Mission

604.814.5500
1st floor, 7298 Hurd Street

Surrey – Cloverdale

604.575.5100
205-17700 56 Avenue

Surrey – Newton

604.592.2000
200-7337 137 Street

Tri-Cities – Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam

604.949.7200
200-205 Newport Drive



To learn more about harm reduction visit:

fraserhealth.ca/harmreduction