



# How to **SAFELY DISPOSE OF NEEDLES** & other drug use supplies

## SAFE NEEDLE DISPOSAL

- Pick up the needle by the centre of the barrel using work/latex gloves or tongs if available.
- Do not try to replace the cap on the needle, snap, break or bend the needle.
- Place the needle (sharp end first) into a metal or hard plastic container that has a lid—such as a product or drink bottle.
- Replace cap on container firmly and label it.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Drop off the sealed container at your local health unit or at a community drop box.

## IF YOU ARE PRICKED BY A NEEDLE

- Wash the pricked area with soap and warm water.
- Go to your nearest emergency room for medical attention

## SAFE DRUG USE SUPPLIES DISPOSAL

- Pick up supplies—such as cookers, stems or pipes using work or latex gloves.
- Place items into double plastic bags, tie-off and dispose in the garbage.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.



Find out if there is a **community drop box** in your area by contacting your municipal office.