

# FIND A NEEDLE? LET US KNOW

## REPORTING A NEEDLE



519-753-4937 ext. 460

OR



[www.bchu.org/NeedleSafety](http://www.bchu.org/NeedleSafety)

## SAFETY MEASURES FOR PICKING

### UP A NEEDLE:

- In order to keep yourself and others safe, treat all needles and drug equipment as contaminated.
- Do not try to recap the needle or break the tip off.
- Never throw needles in the garbage or recycling, or flush them down the toilet.

Dispose of the needle in its container at the BCHU's 24-hour needle drop box located at **194 Terrace Hill St., Brantford.**

For more locations throughout Brant, please visit:

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**Put on gloves** to protect yourself from fluid contamination.

2



Bring a **thick-walled, unbreakable container with a lid** (i.e., plastic bleach bottle or empty paint can) to the site of the needle and place on a flat surface.

3



**Use tongs** to pick up the needle with the sharp end pointing down and away from you.

4



Place the needle with the sharp end pointing down into the sharps container, **do not hold the container** you are putting the needle into. Close the lid tightly.

5



After removing your gloves, **wash your hands** with soap and warm water or use hand sanitizer.

Bring the container to a 24-hour **safe sharps disposal** bin. For locations in Brant, please visit [www.bchu.org/NeedleSafety](http://www.bchu.org/NeedleSafety)



## IF YOU ARE ACCIDENTALLY POKED WITH A NEEDLE:

- Let the wound bleed freely for 10 seconds
- Wash the poke site with soap and water
- Apply a bandage to the poke site
- Go to the hospital right away

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