

What to do if you find a needle or syringe

If you find a needle or syringe, inform the owner of the building. If found in a public place, inform the local council who will come and collect it.

DO NOT TOUCH IT!

DO NOT- kick it down the drain
DO NOT- hide it
DO NOT- let friends or pets touch it
DO NOT- put it in a dustbin, litter bin, or down a toilet
DO TELL A GROWN UP, e.g. your mum, dad, a teacher, caretaker or a police officer

It may not be collected straight away.

If your trusted adult thinks it needs to be moved for the safety of others, the grown up should follow these tips:

- Find a sealable container to put the needle in, e.g a drinks bottle.
- Protect your hands by wearing disposable gloves and use tongs or tweezers
- Place it in the container- SHARP END FIRST
- Wash your hands as soon as possible with soap and water
- Keep it safe and secure until it is collected

Who to contact

Ashfield District Council:
01623 450000
01623 550077 (out of hours)
Bassetlaw District Council:
01909 533533
Newark and Sherwood district council:
01636 650000
01636 655600 (Out of hours)
Mansfield District Council:
01623 240217
Gedling Borough Council:
0115 9013901
0800 096 0306 (out of hours)
Rushcliffe Borough Council:
0115 9819911
0115 9811143 (out of hours)
Broxtowe Borough Council:
0115 917 7777
Nottingham City Council:
0115 9152000

If someone is injured by a needle:
Encourage bleeding by squeezing the wound gently for 1-2 minutes
Contact your doctor or local A&E department for advice