

# What to do if you find a needle or syringe

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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!

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OT- 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

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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