How to Safely Pick Up a Discarded Needle

1 Protect your hands by using tongs or protective gloves.

2 Hold the needle tip away from yourself and others.

3 Put the needle into a sharps container or an empty hard plastic container with a screw on lid. Don't hold the container when placing the needle or sharp inside.

4 Tape the lid securely and label the container 'biohazard waste'.

5 Put the container into a safe disposal bin.

6 Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Go to **ohrdp.ca/find-supplies** to find a disposal location near you.

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