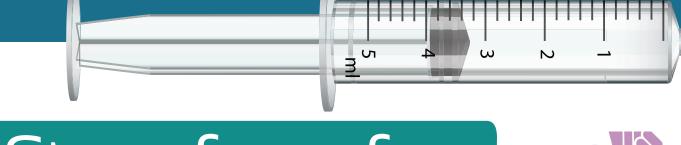
## Found a needle?



## Steps for safe needle disposal

Treat all needles and drug equipment as contaminated. Do not try to recap the needle or break the tip off.



Put on gloves (latex, garden, or vinyl) to protect yourself from fluid contamination. (These gloves won't protect against punctures or cuts).



Place the needle sharp end first into a puncture proof, sealable container. Close the container tightly.



Remove gloves and wash hands with warm soap and water or use hand sanitizer.



Using tongs or tweezers, pick up needle by the middle of the plastic tube (syringe) with the sharp end facing down. If there are multiple needles, pick them up one at a time.



Dispose of containers at sharps disposal bins or at your local pharmacy.



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## DO NOT



throw loose sharps in garbage.



put sharps in recycling bin.



flush sharps down toilet.



throw sharps in bushes, parks, or streets.