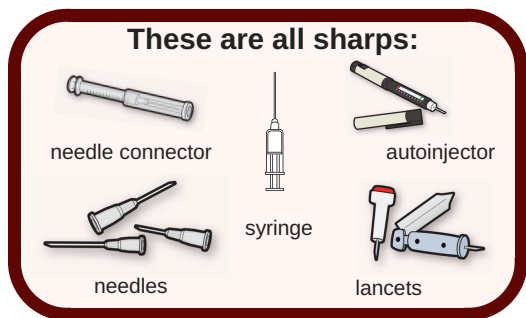


**KEEP YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY
& YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE
IF YOU FIND A NEEDLE,
DISPOSE OF IT SAFELY**



Use a Sharps Container

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NEVER put loose sharps in the trash, recycling, or flush down the toilet!



HOW TO HANDLE NEEDLES & avoid injury:

DO NOT

- force needles or sharps into container
- put fingers inside the container
- bend, break, recap or remove the needle
- leave the needle unattended. If you must leave to get disposal supplies, ask another person to keep watch to avoid an accidental stick
- walk while holding the needle

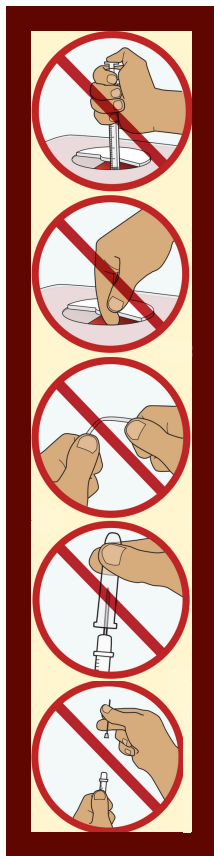
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- make sure that you can clearly see and move around the needle
- ensure no children or others are nearby
- use gloves
- bring your sharps container or alternative to the needle, not the other way around

TAKE ACTION

1. Put on gloves
1. Place the container on the ground beside the syringe
2. Pick up the syringe by the middle of the barrel using tongs/gloved hands, whichever provides more control
3. Place the syringe into the container sharp end first
4. Secure the lid of the sharps container
5. Remove gloves and wash your hands

REMEMBER: you or someone you care about might get hurt if the needle or sharp is not in a secure container. Used sharps can cut people, infect them, and spread diseases like Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV.



NO SHARPS CONTAINER?

**FDA RECOMMENDS ALWAYS USING
FDA-CLEARED CONTAINERS**

If you do not have a sharps container, use an empty household container with these features:

Stays upright

Made of —
heavy-duty
plastic

- **Tight-fitting lid that cannot be punctured**

Does not leak

WHERE TO DISPOSE OF NEEDLES **safely & legally:**

Monroe County Solid Waste:

Will ONLY accept FDA approved sharps containers

Indiana Recovery Alliance:

Will accept either FDA approved or non-FDA approved puncture resistant sharps containers

If you need a sharps container: ask at a pharmacy, medical supply company, healthcare provider, household hazardous waste department or online at:

<http://safeneedledisposal.org/solutions/pharmaceutical-programs/>



For information about rules and laws in your community, contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 800.643.1643. For more information on sharps visit fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal.



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