



SAFE NEEDLE HANDLING PROCEDURE

Introduction

Logan City Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment your volunteers and the broader community.

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide practical guidance on how to safely handle and dispose of needles.

Scope

This procedure applies to anyone volunteering or working at your organisation.

Implementation

Needles (often called sharps) are a common hazard within the community and sharps may be found in public spaces. Handled carelessly this hazard can cause harm.

Where possible access the following items:

- A sharps container (**available from Council**),
- Gloves and
- Tongs or a long handled litter picker.

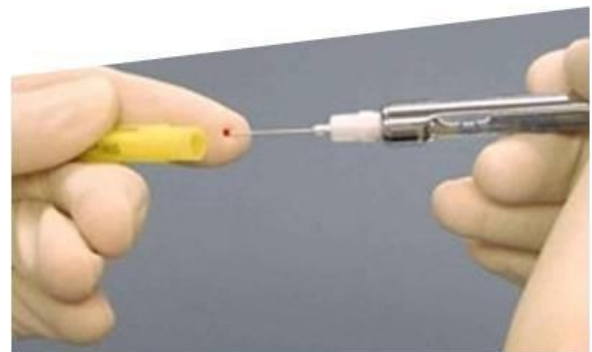
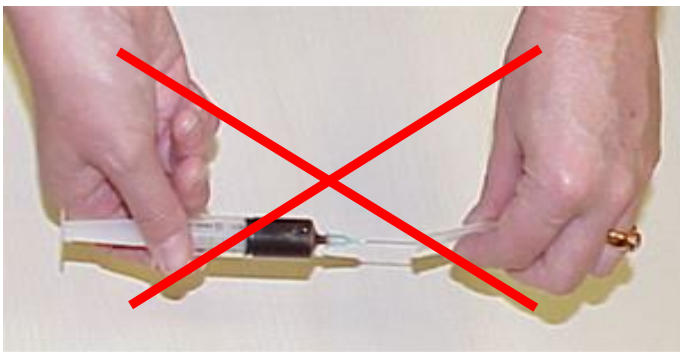




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Do Not:

Attempt to recap or tamper with a needle as this could result in a puncture wound.



Do:

Place the sharps container as close as possible to the sharp to avoid carrying the needle too far.

Wear gloves to protect hands from any contaminants that may be present. Pick up the sharp by the middle of the barrel fingers, tongs or a litter picker.

Avoid the needle and do not point at others. Place the entire sharp in the sharps container by inserting the needle first.

Securely close the lid on the sharps container. Dispose of the container in a disposal bin.

If the container is to be kept for future use, store in a secure location and dispose of the container once full in a disposal bin.

(see below for disposal locations)





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Once the needle is secured in the sharps container, wipe down the tips of the tongs or litter picker with a damp cloth or sanitising solution. Remove and dispose of gloves. Thoroughly wash and dry hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser.

Sharps Disposal Locations within Logan:

- Beenleigh Community Health Centre
 - Address: 10-18 Mount Warren Blvd, Mount Warren Park QLD
Phone:(07) 3827 9811
- Beenleigh Transfer Station
 - Address: 15 Wuraga Road (Corner of Beenleigh-Beaudesert Road), Beenleigh QLD
- Cornubia SmartTip
 - Address: 1801 Mount Cotton Road, Cornubia QLD
Phone: 07 3412 3412
- Greenbank Transfer Station
 - Address: 124 - 142 Pub Lane (Corner of Equestrian Drive), Greenbank QLD
- Browns Plains SmartTip
 - Address: 349 Browns Plains Road, Heritage Park QLD
Phone: 07 3412 3412 (business hours)
- Browns Plains Community Health Centre
 - Address: Middle Rd & Wineglass Dr, Hillcrest QLD
Phone:(07) 3412 3100
- Animal Management Centre
 - Address: 213 Queens Rd, Kingston QLD
Phone: (07) 3412 5318
- Logan Central Community Health Centre
 - Address: 97-103 Cnr Wembley and Ewing Roads, Logan Central QLD
Phone: (07) 3290 8900
- Logan Central Library
 - Address: 26 Wilbur Street, Logan Central QLD
Phone: (07) 3412 4100
- Logan Village Transfer Station
 - Address: 1406 - 1432 Waterford-Tamborine Road, Logan Village QLD



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- Marsden Depot
 - Address: 181 Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden