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Children should never touch a discarded needle or crack pipe. If an adult chooses not to pick up a needle or crack pipe, call 1-403-328-8186 to make arrangements to have them picked up immediately.



### Needle drop boxes are at the following locations:

1. YMCA (back of building)
2. Nicholas Sheran (southeast corner on building)
3. Galt Gardens (near the bathroom on the southeast corner of the park on a wall)
4. London Road Park (on a post)
5. The Lethbridge Shelter and Resource Center (attached to back of south side of building, near client entrance)
6. Greyhound Station (on building around back northeast corner)

### Needle disposal sites:

1. ARCHES (1206 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S)
2. Draffins Pharmacy (5<sup>th</sup> St S)
3. Norbridge Pharmacy (23<sup>rd</sup> St N)



### How to pick up a needle or crack pipe on your own:

1. Treat all needles and crack pipes (glass stems) as contaminated.
2. Wear gloves (i.e. Latex, rubber, leather gardening gloves). Gloves are meant to protect against fluid contamination, not punctures or cuts.
3. Use tongs, pliers or tweezers to pick up the needle. Be sure to clean and disinfect the pick-up instrument afterwards.
4. Pick up the needle by the plastic end (syringe).
5. Point the needle tip away from your body. Be very careful not to poke yourself with the needle.
6. Put the sharps disposal container on a stable surface next to the needle. Do not hold the container in your hand while placing the needle inside.
7. Place the needle point down into the container. Do not force the needle into the container.
8. If you do not have a specialized sharps container, put the needle into a non-breakable, puncture-proof container with a lid (i.e. thick plastic container or tin can).
9. Close the container securely.
10. Find the nearest needle disposal location. Do not flush needles down the toilet or put them in the garbage or recycling box.
11. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after removal of gloves.

If a needle injury occurs, seek immediate medical attention.

If you are finding needles in specific areas of the city please call ARCHES 1-403-328-8186 and we can look into affixing additional boxes to reduce the risk of unsafe disposal of needles.