

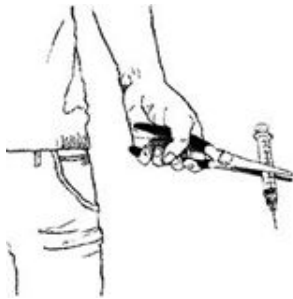
## If You Find a Needle

Children should be taught never to touch a discarded needle but to show an adult where it is. If you find a needle on your property or in the community, call Superior Points @ (807) 624-2005 for disposal information. **Adults: If you pick up needles - handle them with care. Here's how:**

For the health and safety of your community and sanitation workers, used needles are not accepted in the garbage (Contact waste management @ 684-2195)



Use pliers, tongs or tweezers to pick up a needle by the plunger when possible. (You can use a thick cloth or wear a thick glove, but be extra careful).



Hold the needle tip away from you.

Hold the needle by the plunger if possible.

Be careful not to prick yourself with the needle.

Do not flush needles down a toilet or put them in the garbage or recycling box.



Place container on a stable surface. Put the needle in a non-breakable, puncture-proof container DO NOT USE GLASS! (Like a bleach bottle or a thick plastic peanut butter jar).



Close securely and call 624-2005 for disposal information.

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