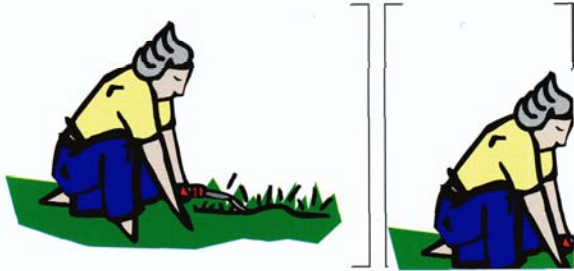


discarded needles

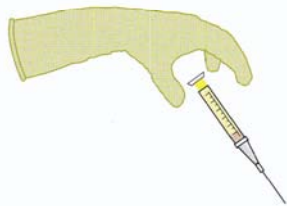


Discarded hypodermic needles and syringes can be a danger to everyone because of the risk of injury and infection to the finder. They may be found in many places but are most commonly found in parks, recreational areas, public buildings, multi-storey car parks, vacant properties, gardens and garages. They may also be found in litterbins, cardboard boxes and bin bags. Finds can range from single items to larger quantities.

DO NOT PUT YOURSELF OR OTHERS AT RISK FROM DISCARDED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

helpful contacts

What **should** I do if I find a discarded needle or syringe?



If the find is in Stratford on Avon District Council area contact: Street Cleansing on **01789 260616** (24 hours)

If the find is in Warwick District Council area contact the Contact Centre on **01926 456338**

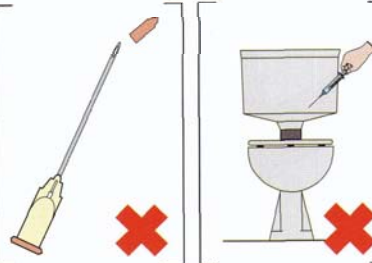
By contacting the District Council you will ensure that any needles and syringes are dealt with in the correct manner.

They have staff who are trained how to remove and dispose of discarded needles and syringes using appropriate safety equipment.

REPORTS OF DISCARDED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES ARE TREATED AS URGENT

at risk

If you do find a discarded needle or syringe...



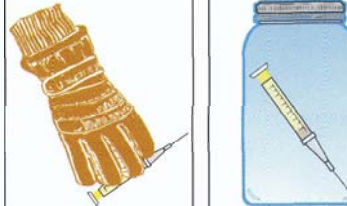
DO NOT

- ✘ Hide it
- ✘ Separate the needle from the syringe
- ✘ Try to put the cap back on the needle
- ✘ Handle the needle or syringe unnecessarily
- ✘ Put the needle or syringe in a dustbin, down a drain, down a toilet or in a litter bin
- ✘ Ignore it

THESE ACTIONS WILL PUT YOURSELF OR OTHER PEOPLE AT RISK

prevent danger

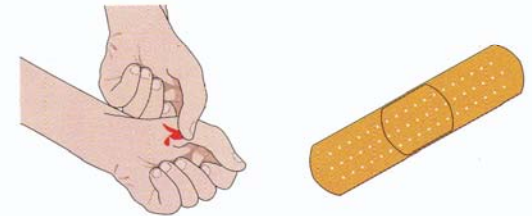
What if you feel you need to do something yourself?



- ✘ Do not handle the needle or syringe with your hands
- Ideally pick up with thick leather gardening gloves (or)
- Sweep up using a brush and pan
- Place offending items in a plastic screw top jar or an empty drink can
- Keep out of reach of children
- Contact Street Cleansing on **01789 260616** to arrange collection or
- Contact the Contact Centre on **01926 456338** to arrange collection

Stratford-on-Avon Council & Warwick District Council are endeavouring to reduce the risk from discarded needles and syringes by raising public awareness and working with other professional groups.

in case of injury



Encourage the wound to bleed by gently squeezing

DO NOT suck the wound

Wash the wound with soap and warm water for 5 minutes

Cover with a waterproof plaster

Immediately contact your doctor or nearest Accident & Emergency department for medical advice and treatment

important contacts



Stratford on Avon District Council,
Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford on Avon

Street Cleansing

[Tel] 01789 260616



Warwick District Council,
Riverside House, Leamington Spa

Contact Centre

[Tel] 01926 456338



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