

# SAFE NEEDLE/SHARP PICK UP AND DISPOSAL

1.



Inspect the area to make sure it is safe

2.



Put on a pair of gloves; if any other personal protection is needed, put this on too

3.



Take sharps/needle container close to the abandoned needle/sharp; place it on a firm surface; handle it carefully

4.



Never recap the needle; Use grabber to pick up the needle.

5.



Place needle/sharp carefully in the sharps container

6.



Carefully close sharps container. Never put your hand in the container for any reason.

7.



Take off gloves

8.



Perform hand hygiene; Sharps container should be taken to the nearest health centre for disposal

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