



What to do if you find used syringes

If you feel confident you can follow these steps

- * Do not handle the syringe with bare hands
- * Find a rigid-walled, puncture-resistant container, ideally with a wide mouth and a secure lid
- * Avoid carrying the syringe - bring the container to the syringe
- * Do not hold the container, place it on the ground next to the syringe
- * Wear gloves and use tongs to pick up the syringe
- * Carefully pick up the syringe away from the sharp end
- * Place the syringe in the container sharp end first
- * Do not try to break off, bend, recap or cover the sharp end
- * Use the tongs to pick up any other discarded injecting equipment including packaging or swabs
- * Wash hands with running warm water and soap.



If you don't feel confident to pick up the syringe, call Anglicare Tasmania on **1800 243 232**.

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