

A SAFE AND SIMPLE SPENT NEEDLE STORAGE SOLUTION

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What do you do with your spent single use needles?

If you are finished with the needle and the syringe then a simple solution to render the needle safe is to use the syringe as a storage chamber.

I suggest you do this as follows:

- Remove the needle from the front of the syringe and take the cap off the needle. Be careful that you don't pierce yourself with the needle while doing this.
- Withdraw the plunger from the syringe and hold the syringe vertical with the tip pointing down. Now place the needle inside the syringe with the point of the needle towards the back of the syringe.
- Tilt the syringe so that the tip of the needle is touching the side of the syringe and firmly replace the plunger, pushing it in as far as it will go. This will result in the needle piercing the edge of the rubber end of the plunger and bending the needle against the inside wall of the syringe.

This procedure wedges the needle between the inside wall of the syringe and the replaced plunger and effectively renders the needle safe. Your syringes, with their needle trapped inside, can then be safely accumulated until you are ready to dispose of them in accordance with your local council requirements.