



## Protocols for Discarded Equipment in the Pharmacy

### **For discarded injecting equipment:**

- Take sharps container to the discarded equipment
- Put on gloves
- Place container on a stable surface or flat ground
- Check the surrounding area to see if there is more equipment you cannot see
- Do not attempt to feel about in bushes and garden litter with your hands (use stick or long handled tongs)
- Pick up syringes by the blunt end or the middle (using pliers or tongs if you have them)
- Place sharps into container - sharp end first
- Do not push equipment into the container or over fill
- Place and secure lid onto sharps container

### **When receiving sharps in a pharmacy**

- Take sharps container to the customer
- Get customers to place injecting equipment into sharps container
- If sharps container cannot be taken to the customer take the customer to the sharps container