



S^T PAUL'S
ANGELICAN CHURCH
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SYRINGES AND NEEDLESTICK DISPOSAL PROTOCOL

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All activity leaders must be aware of this protocol and able to implement the disposal of a syringe / needlestick in the absence of the parish clergy.

In the event that a needlestick/ used syringe or sharps are found on church premises, the following procedure is to be followed:

1. Do not touch or attempt to move the object or to place its cap on it
2. Advise the activity leader and ensure that no one is in danger of injury – do not leave discovered needlesticks unattended.
3. Do not allow others near the needlestick.
4. The activity leader is to ensure no attempt is made to remove the needlestick without using appropriate tongs, puncture proof /protective gloves.
5. The needlestick should only be removed into the sharps disposal container which, with gloves and tongs, is available in the parish office. In the first instance, please contact the Parish Clergy to assist with removal of any found sharps.
6. The removal and safety equipment should be brought to the place where the needlestick was found and the needlestick placed directly into the sharps container by using the tongs. Do not hold the container at the same time as using the tongs – place the container at an appropriate, stable spot.
7. Wearing the puncture proof gloves and using tongs to handle the needle, the clergyperson will remove the syringe into the sharps disposal container and return the container to its storage place.

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