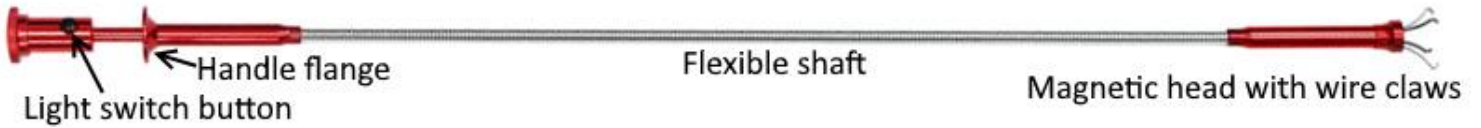


Claw Grabber Tool

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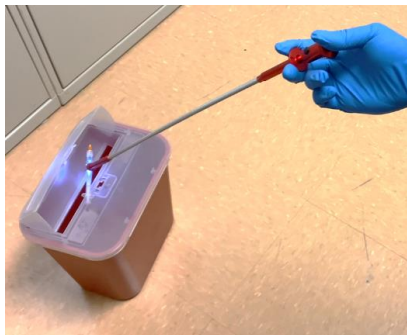


WHY AM I RECEIVING A CLAW GRABBER TOOL? This tool, sent to secondary school health rooms, provides a safer way to pick up syringes than using your hands. It should be stored securely, and security should be aware of the location.



HOW DO I USE THIS TOOL?

- Place the sharps container nearby. **DO NOT** walk around the building while holding a syringe with the tool.
- Push the black button on the side of the handle if you want to turn on a light in the head of the tool for better visibility.
- Grasp the flange of the handle with your first two fingers and depress the top of the handle with your thumb or palm to extend and open the wire claws.
- Position the wire claws around the syringe and slowly release the handle to retract and close the claws around it. Make sure the claws firmly grasp the syringe and hold it with the needle facing away from you.
- Position the syringe over the opening of the sharps container and depress the handle to release the syringe from the claws and into the container.
- Take care not to swing the tool, and keep it extended away from your body and other people.
- Be aware the head of the tool is magnetic and will be attracted to some metal objects.
- Wear appropriate PPE even when using the tool.
- Clean the tool if it gets contaminated.



Scan for a video showing how to use the tool to pick up a syringe



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