

A QUARTER OF AMERICANS WITH DIABETES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPER DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND LANCETS



Some Americans with diabetes dispose of used sharps in trash cans in their homes

20% do this with needles used **outside the home**

14% do this with needles used **at home**

DESPITE THE FACT THAT:

61% are concerned that their **disposed needles could harm someone**

Source: Stericycle National Consumer Diabetes Survey 2019: Access to Care and Sharps Disposal in the Diabetic Community, September 2019.

38%

who have disposed of used sharps in a public trash can said they did so because **there were no safe disposal containers nearby and they had no other choice**



42%

say that **a lack of public safety disposal containers** is the biggest challenge they face when it comes to disposal



Greater awareness and access to safe sharps disposal methods is needed

27%

Americans with diabetes **have not talked with their doctor about proper needle disposal** and, therefore, may not be aware of proper disposal methods

19%

say that **a lack of options for disposing sharps at home is the biggest challenge** they face when it comes to disposal

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