



# CITY OF CHARLESTON West Virginia

Council Member – 10<sup>th</sup> WARD



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Public Safety Committee, Chair  
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TO: Public Safety Committee  
FROM: Keeley Steele, Chair  
RE: Committee Meeting

**THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AND CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON AND CAN BE VIEWED LIVE VIA ZOOM**

Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, West Hall 1  
Charleston, WV

There will be a Committee meeting of Public Safety on March 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM

**\*Join via internet:**

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## Agenda

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. 2-24-2021

### TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

1. Attachments

### BILLS

1. Bill No. 7893 - A BILL to amend and reenact the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston relating to requiring any distribution of hypodermic needles within the City of Charleston to be performed by persons or entities that have a certification as a Harm Reduction Program from the State of West Virginia in addition to any required state license; eliminating the ability for the Chief of Police to provide exceptions, and establishing penalties for violations.

### ADJOURNMENT

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# MINUTES

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 P. M., FEBRUARY 24, 2021

\*IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS A LIVE STREAM VIA ZOOM (PER THE AGENDA).

Keeley Steele, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Charleston City Council Committee on Public Safety to order at 5:30 p.m., FEBRUARY 24, 2021.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Keeley Steele, Chair  
Chuck Overstreet, Vice Chair  
Pat Jones  
Bruce King  
Deanna McKinney  
Shannon Snodgrass  
Tiffany Wesley-Plear

\*The link to the video of the full meeting is provided in the minutes. A link to download the file will be made available upon request to the Clerk's Office. Timestamps will be noted for each section for anyone wishing to view the full record.

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1. Approval of Previous Minutes – 0:06:27-0:06:56  
Councilmember King moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 2-24-2021. Councilmember McKinney seconded the motion. There was no objection and the minutes were approved.

## 2. To Hear from Invited Panelists – 0:07:10-1:36:33

Councilmember Steele stated that they will be hearing from 7 invited speakers. With the exception of Dr. Daskalakis, they will hear from all panelists before having a question-and-answer session.

- Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, CDC –  
Presentation: 0:07:10-0:33:28 Discussion: 0:33:29-0:56:38

Dr. Daskalakis gave a presentation to the Committee concerning responding to HIV outbreaks among people who inject drugs.

Councilmember McKinney asked if his presentation was about needle exchange or harm reduction. Dr. Daskalakis replied that harm reduction taken broadly means strategies that can reduce the risk of infectious disease and other complications for people who inject drugs. He believes it is a toolkit to interrupting HIV transmission (including testing, medications and syringe availability), adding that they all work together. A holistic approach to harm reduction is important, however, there are issues getting people who inject drugs into care and services. The idea is to use the toolkit to lead to the other services that are critical, such as through HIV testing intervention that includes an assessment for other social needs, through treatment connected to medical services including comprehensive medical health and a trust in individuals that provide those gateway services (which could be a syringe service program).

Councilmember Steele asked if he was familiar with the program in Cabell County. Dr. Daskalakis replied that he couldn't speak specifically about various programs, but he could say that the toolkit for Campbell County revolved around launching a full toolkit of strategies to interrupt HIV transmission.

Councilmember Overstreet stated that he had spoken with the Fire Chief from Huntington in Cabell County and they have a one-to-one needle exchange program, and confirmed that Dr. Daskalakis had previously stated that their HIV cases were decreasing.

Councilmember Snodgrass asked who had previously invited him to Charleston for his initial presentation earlier in the year. Dr. Daskalakis replied that the invitation came from the Chief of Staff of the Mayor's Office. She asked for clarification at the end of his written presentation which states that the findings are the views of the authors and not necessarily the CDC. Dr. Daskalakis replied that it is standard language to include because he is speaking extemporaneously. However, the current technology he is presenting is a toolkit that is recommended by the CDC. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that when looking at population, West Virginia has proportionally way more needle exchange programs (13) than states with larger populations (such a Florida with around 4). She asked if he thought there was correlation between more needle use and HIV cases. Dr. Daskalakis added that different jurisdictions will have different needs; the vulnerability for HIV outbreaks is also a consideration not just the size of the population in an apples-to-apples comparison. The history in West Virginia shows that there is a vulnerability. Councilmember Snodgrass asked if accountability would be key for

tracing, testing etc. Dr. Daskalakis replied that the first step to achieving epidemic/outbreak control is to establish trust and creating an environment where individuals feel they can pursue care. In general, mandatory testing/strategies don't do much beyond pushing HIV further underground. He added that having accountability is to identify strategies that are appropriate for an area and its culture to launch all of the science in a way to prevent HIV transmission and ultimately provide people with the care they need to potentially lead them to drug treatment.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked what are the must-haves for the toolbox. Dr. Daskalakis replied that the 3 he presented are the ones that are needed to interrupt/control an outbreak: diagnose (inventive and creative ways to improve testing), treatment (it keeps people healthy and prevents HIV transmission) and create an environment where syringes are available through a comprehensive program (so that individuals have access to clean equipment).

Councilmember Jones referenced a letter sent to the Committee from Heath Right that operates a comprehensive harm reduction program. He asked how many such programs are needed in a city the size of Charleston. Dr. Daskalakis replied that he couldn't comment on any specific programs, but when looking at an outbreak scenario (which the City is currently having), it is critical to not say that 1 program is enough until the outbreak is controlled.

Councilmember Snodgrass asked if he got paid to come to Charleston. Dr. Daskalakis replied no. She asked if he usually brings in the crime factor. Dr. Daskalakis replied that when they talk about syringe service programs people often ask if they increase crime, so that is commonly included in the presentation. That data is obtained from multiple sources, including Baltimore and New York.

Councilmember King asked if the CDC tracks the number of overdoses that occur from needles provided by SSPs. Dr. Daskalakis replied that they cannot track an overdose based on the syringe used. Councilmember King asked if the CDC tracked lives saved by naloxone doses given by SSPs. Dr. Daskalakis replied that it is hard to directly connect a naloxone dose with prevention at the CDC level, but can be tracked locally. Councilmember King asked if the numbers were total cases in Kanawha County or only from intravenous drug use. Dr. Daskalakis replied that the numbers he presented were related to injection drugs, but the number of total cases can be obtained from the State.

Councilmember Steele asked on behalf of another Councilmember if most of the programs he had spoken about all over the country were overseen by medical directors. Dr. Daskalakis replied that there is a lot of variability (some are and some are not).

- Dr. Christine Teague, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program - 0:56:39-1:08:13

Dr. Tate explained that the Ryan White Care Act provides federal funding for comprehensive patient care, support and early intervention services (including outreach, education, testing and linkage to care) regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

- Dr. Susan Bissett, WV Drug Intervention Institute - 1:08:14-1:15:09

Dr. Bissett explained that the Institute's mission is to reduce overdose deaths due to opioids and drugs in West Virginia through advocacy, prevention, education, research and collaboration. She discussed their recently completed public survey that analyzed community opinions and perceptions on SUD, harm reduction and syringe exchange, specifically in Kanawha County.

- Eric Smith, President of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police - 1:15:10-1:21:04

Smith gave the Committee an overview of his background as a retired Police Officer. He stated that the issue is with SOAR and their needle distribution, and expressed concern over needle litter and accidental needle sticks.

- Jennifer Depond, RN - 1:21:05-1:32:04

Depond shared with the Committee her experience as a nurse that cares for pregnant women with substance abuse disorders, particularly as to how it effects children. She added that comprehensive care is vital.

- Shawn Wanner, Fire Chief, Charleston - 1:32:05-1:34:19

Chief Wanner stated that their biggest concern was needle litter. He could not support an agency handing out needles, unless it was a controlled exchange program that had accountability.

- Emily Hannah, Director of the Mayor's CARE Office - 1:34:20-1:36:33

Hannah spoke to the Committee about potential survey questions she had submitted to the Committee at the request of the Chair. She added that the CARE Office houses the Quick Response Team, the Homeless Outreach Coordinator and the Mental Health Coordinator. In her opinion, a survey that creates a foundation to allow for further information sharing and collaboration would be helpful as opposed to just an up/down on the issue.

### 3. Question and Answer with Panelists – 1:36:34-2:40:03

Councilmember McKinney stated that she thought they were there to discuss harm reduction, but everything she had heard from the panelists concerned needle exchange. Councilmember Steele replied that the bill that was introduced specifically takes up syringe service programs, not the entirety of harm reduction. She added that while there needs to be an overarching conversation, the survey questions are meant to specifically survey first responders, public grounds and refuse workers about their feelings about syringe service programs. The bill was first enacted in 2015 when the program first

began, and was amended in 2018. It was decided that it would be best to reexamine that bill in light of current events and organizations operating within the City. Councilmember McKinney stated that it was disrespectful to spend all this time on only one piece. Councilmember Steele added that syringe programs have to go through a certification process. Councilmember Wesley-Plear added that she would like to draft a bill with Councilmember McKinney to address the remainder of harm reduction.

Councilmember Steele asked Dr. Bisset if she would do any part of the survey differently. Charlee Fox, also with the WVDII, conducted the meta-analysis that helped them develop the questions. She replied that she would add race as a demographic component to the survey. Fox added that similar surveys averaged around 4 questions, so she was satisfied with their choice of 6 questions.

Councilmember Snodgrass stated that she would probably disagree on their conclusion that the majority of people believed that there should be more needle exchange programs from the question “Do you believe there needs to be more resources?” Dr. Bissett replied that she was probably looking at 2 different questions. From the resource question Councilmember Snodgrass referenced, it was obvious that people felt there was not enough adequate resources particularly during the listening sessions. Their conclusion came from the survey question “Do you believe there should be needle exchange programs in your community?” Councilmember Snodgrass replied that the average citizen of the population didn’t take this survey. Dr. Bisset stated that they could only report from who responded, and that it was also mentioned during 2 Council meetings and 2 Public Safety meetings. Fox added that most other surveys are also open a lot longer (2-4 months) as opposed to their time constraint of 2 weeks.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked how long it took them to analyze their data. Fox replied that she worked anywhere from 10-14 hours a day, 5 days a week, for about 3 weeks. Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked if they had a way of blocking an IP address from taking the survey again. Dr. Bisset replied that it wouldn’t block multiple IPs, but they could be removed during data analysis.

Councilmember Snodgrass stated that citizens cared about fire, police and roads. There is a population that is in long-term iv-drug abuse, and she would hope that they can get into rehab instead of encouraging long-term addiction. She added that the former needle exchange program at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department became a needle distribution program. Smith added that they would finding needles everywhere. In response to Councilmember Snodgrass, Smith and Lieutenant Myron Boggess (CFD) both agreed that more people were attracted to the City directly because of that needle exchange program. Boggess was not able to recall offhand the number of house fires for those years, adding that most of the house fires for the current year did not seem to come from abandoned houses. Boggess added that when they did respond to fires at abandoned houses, they had to sweep the floor with water to wash away the needles, but that has not been as much of a trend after Health Right took over and there was more accountability.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked if that trend had recently started again, and Boggess replied that they had started to see that again although perhaps not as bad as previously. Smith agreed.

Councilmember King added that, during the time Kanawha County Health Department was operating their program, Charleston was the only municipality within Kanawha County that allowed needle exchanges. He asked if they recalled an increase in people coming to Charleston during that time to commit crimes, etc. Smith replied that people from other counties (Logan, Mingo, etc.) specifically said they came to Charleston because of the needle distribution. Smith added that the homeless population skyrocketed during the same time as that program. Smith could not say if it also attracted drug dealers.

Councilmember Snodgrass asked if given that illegal drugs were going into needles that had been distributed, did they think that would lead to a rise in crime. Smith replied yes, that drugs and crime go hand and hand. Councilmember Snodgrass asked if needle distribution and increase in crime was a risk to Officers. Smith replied that the CPD had more Officers shot at and had shot more people since 2017 than in his entire 21-year career.

From the audience, Councilmember Pharr asked had they had noticed if needles and syringes were found concentrated more in one part of town over another. Boggess replied that he couldn't accurately answer that because he is stationed in one part of town, but needles are very present in the West Side/North Charleston area. Councilmember Pharr asked if they saw families (when responding to fires). Boggess replied that he wasn't sure, but he did know that they did respond to a lot of overdoses in the area in occupied homes. He added that they also responded to a tremendous amount of them well in boarded-up properties. He added that they have responded to situations with children and family members present.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked if having drug paraphernalia was an arrestable offense. Smith replied not for syringes; however, it is in other cities. Smith added that he had anecdotally heard that people know this and come to Charleston for that reason. Councilmember Wesley-Plear stated that they should remember that they are discussing people that have a chronic disease, and to be respectful of that they need to lessen the stigma to truly do their part to improve their community. Councilmember Steel agreed, and added that they need to be mindful of the language and terminology they use when they are talking about people in active addiction.

Councilmember Steele confirmed that Smith was speaking for the membership of the Fraternal Order of the Police, not the Police Department (although the Order encompasses about 95% of the Police Department as well as 12 other Departments). Councilmember Wesley-Plear confirmed with Smith that the Order is an additional organization (by application with dues), and that firefighters agree that there needs to be some sort of program like Health Right or hospital care for getting people help. He added that there needs to be accountability to any such program.

Councilmember King asked Depond to explain what happens to a newborn when they are born in relation to addiction. Depond replied that 40-60% of babies born to opiate-dependent mothers experience withdrawal. For mothers that used stimulants, babies are high need (crying, jittery don't eat normally, etc.). She added that it is traumatizing to experience a newborn going through withdrawal. There is not a lot of long-term data available. Depond added that babies may go through their treatment and into a home still with needs.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear asked how to better build trust so that people can get help. Dr. Teague replied that it comes back to meeting people where they are (access and be present with them). She added there is huge mistrust in the medical community. She added that SOAR is one of the few ways that she has been able to engage with the people she has been tasked to take care of, because that is where she frequently sees people that she only previously saw briefly before they were discharged. It affords her the opportunity to provide education and other options. Dr. Teague added that she works with both SSPs, and that she thinks there is room for improvement in both areas. Her concern with Health Right is that they have turned people away because they are on probation for not returning the correct number of needles. She would like to see a solution to the waste that is being seen. While there does need to be accountability, she does not think they are meeting the full needs of the people. She would like to have the Health Right program improved and replicated on the West Side.

Councilmember McKinney asked if it was appropriate (for a program) to go into a community without introducing themselves. Dr. Teague replied that it would have been best. While she does not represent SOAR, she did not think it was done with an intent to be deceptive. Councilmember McKinney asked if Dr. Teague was over SOAR, how would she have introduced it to the community and to what type of accountability would she hold herself. Dr. Teague replied that she would come to them (presumably, Councilmembers) explaining that they would like to come in and develop a program, asking for their input and volunteers.

Councilmember Pharr confirmed that Dr. Teague had previously stated data of 25% African American and female and 75% white and male were from all of their enrolled patients from their service area of 19 counties pre-2018. Since 2018, an overwhelming number of their new cases are white male. She added that there is a high stigma in the African American community to be tested.

Councilmember McKinney asked what where the next steps after testing. Dr. Teague replied that they do rapid testing with double confirmation. They also try to do immediate medical care while they are with them. Councilmember McKinney asked how effective the testing was as well as getting people to come back to get treatment. Dr. Teague replied that there had been 8 identified positives over the 3-month period, adding that the numbers dropped overall once the investigation started. Of those 8, 1 has since passed away, 2-3 have returned to the clinic at least once and they have been unable to locate 3 (but if they return, they will be remembered and encouraged to get treatment). Dr. Teague shared a success story with the Committee that showed that having a

presence and patience is key.

Councilmember Steele asked on behalf of a Councilmember not present if given the changes in HIV cases, if there was talk within her program to start any type of syringe exchange program. Dr. Teague replied that she felt that at a minimum, as an HIV service provider, they needed to be able to make sure the people that they identify as positive be given syringes, but they had not been given approval to do that.

Councilmember Pharr stated she felt like the African American community is not part of this outreach, and would suggest that her group partner with some African American organizations. Dr. Teague agreed, and added that they had previously worked with the Partnership for African American Churches.

Councilmember Pharr asked on behalf of a Councilmember not present where the needs-based program on the West Side Dr. Teague previously referenced was located. Dr. Teague replied that she was referring to SOAR.

Councilmember Pharr asked Dr. Bisset, concerning the last question of the Research Conclusions Section, if “addict” is considered stigma-laden language. Dr. Bisset replied that technically it is, along with “junkie”. Appropriate terms would be “person in active addiction” or “person struggling with addiction.” Councilmember Pharr added that she struggles with that since “addict” comes from “addiction.” Dr. Bisset stated that it is considered a best practice from the NIH, the CDC and SAMHSA in an effort to make the person seem more human and more than their addiction. Councilmember Wesley-Plear added that it is important to her to use terminology that is respectful.

#### 4. Recess

Councilmember Overstreet motioned to recess for 5 minutes. Councilmember McKinney seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, Councilmember Steele declared the Committee in Recess.

Councilmember McKinney motioned to reconvene the meeting. Councilmember Snodgrass seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, Councilmember Steele declared the Committee reconvened.

#### 5. To Take Up Survey Questions – 2:41:26-3:32:05

Councilmember Steele explained that the Committee had before them 2 sets of recommended questions provided by Councilmember King and Emily Hannah, CARES Director, to use as a starting point. Councilmember Steele added that, in her research, it seemed like the less questions the better. Councilmember Steele added that the survey will have to go through the City’s IS Department, and that they are short-staffed at the moment. Councilmember Snodgrass added that the questions submitted by

Councilmember King have been vetted by the Chiefs of Fire and Police and the Directors of Refuse and Public Grounds. She added that they wanted the questions to be Yes or No to be able to represent all employees. Councilmember Steele added that she had a problem allowing the general group of people that the survey is for to approve the survey questions. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that the Committee suggested that they go to the Departments to do that. Councilmember Steele stated that her suggestion was to ask how the survey might get done, not for them to ok the actual questions. Councilmember Snodgrass added that it will be going to the employees that they supervise. Councilmember Steele asked who came up with the questions, and Councilmember King replied that he and Councilmember Snodgrass did.

Councilmember King motioned to vote on all of the questions he submitted as a whole. Councilmember Snodgrass seconded the motion. Councilmember McKinney stated that they are supposed to be doing something for the community, and everyone on the Committee should be able to agree, disagree or amend on each question. Councilmember Steele asked for clarification as to which Department Heads they spoke with, who had questions and who did not respond. Councilmember Snodgrass stated that after the last Public Safety meeting, they were able to get the resolution approved and did not want to have to wait many more weeks. She stated that she spoke to the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and Brent Webster (Public Works) mainly to make sure the questions were written as to be appropriate for their employees. She added that they didn't comment one way or the other. Councilmember Overstreet stated that he thought it was suggested at the last meeting they should consult the Department Heads. Councilmember McKinney added that she thought they were going to get their opinions on how to do the survey and the Committee would create the questions. Councilmember King withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Wesley-Plear suggested that the questions that mention the Health Department's needle program be taken out because of the turnover in Refuse means that most employees wouldn't have been there in 2018 and wouldn't necessarily know about it. Councilmember Snodgrass replied they could then choose to answer "Don't Know." Councilmember Snodgrass added that it is a reference point when talking about needle exchange programs.

- “Do you believe the Health Department’s needle program in 2018 was good for the City of Charleston?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 The Committee agreed to strike “in 2018.”  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: Wesley-Plear, Steele  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe the Health Department’s Needle Program led to an increase in crime?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Snodgrass, King  
 Nays: Wesley-Plear, Steele, McKinney  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees, and first responders performing their job duties?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear requested that the “and” be changed to “or.” The Committee agreed.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Steele, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: None  
 With the Yeas being unanimous, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: Steele  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Snodgrass, King  
 Nays: Wesley-Plear, Steele, McKinney  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: Wesley-Plear, Steele  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.

- “Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?”  
 Councilmember King motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Councilmember Steele suggested that they put “all” in front of “used.”  
 Councilmember McKinney suggested that “to receive new ones” be removed.  
 Councilmember Steele suggested changing “needle exchange program” to “syringe service program.” The Committee did not agree to any proposed changes, and the question was voted on as originally read.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Snodgrass, King  
 Nays: Wesley-Plear, Steele, McKinney  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Steele, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: None  
 With the Yeas being unanimous, the question was approved.
- “Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Snodgrass, McKinney  
 Nays: Steele, King  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: Steele  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.

- “Have you personally, do you work with, or do you know of someone who has been accidentally pricked by a discarded needle?”  
 Councilmember Jones suggested to remove “have you personally.”  
 Councilmember Steele suggested the question be “Have you ever had to have an HIV test, or know of anyone who has, because of being pricked by a discarded needle.”  
 Councilmember McKinney suggested to remove “HIV” from Councilmember Steele’s suggestion.  
 Councilmember Steele suggested that the question be discarded.  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear suggested that the question read “Have you been accidentally pricked by a discarded needle in Charleston?” The Committee decided to vote on that change.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: Steele  
 With the Yeas being in the majority, the question was approved.
- “Have you ever encountered discarded needles personally or while on the job or on a call?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Steele, Snodgrass, King, McKinney  
 Nays: None  
 With the Yeas being unanimous, the question was approved.
- “Do you feel comfortable publicly stating your opinion regarding needle exchange programs?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Yeas: None  
 Nays: Overstreet, Jones, Wesley-Plear, Snodgrass, Steele, King, McKinney  
 With the Nays being unanimous, the question was not approved.
- “Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?”  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear motioned to vote for approval of the question.  
 Councilmember Wesley-Plear suggested the question replace “Have you personally, do you work with, or do you know of someone who has been accidentally pricked by a discarded needle?”  
 The Committee agreed to the change.
- “Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?”  
 The Committee was satisfied with the question.
- “Are you interested in information about proper disposal?”  
 The Committee did not want to include the question.

- “Provide your thoughts on how syringes and syringe litter affect your professional duties.”  
The Committee did not want to include the question.
- “What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?”  
The Committee agreed for this to be the last question.
- “Where do you encounter syringes? (i.e., bagged garbage, street litter, pat down, overdoses, etc.)”  
Councilmember Wesley-Plear suggested replacing this question with “Have you ever encountered discarded needles personally or while on the job or on a call?”  
The Committee agreed.
- “Describe your understanding of harm reduction and syringe programs.”  
The Committee did not want to include the question.
- “Are you interested in education and training on harm reduction and syringe programs?”  
The Committee did not want to include the question.

Councilmember Jones motioned to accept the questions as discussed (reproduced below). Councilmember Wesley-Plear seconded. With the yeas being unanimous, the questions were approved.

Councilmember Jones motioned to adjourn. Councilmember McKinney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

### Survey Questions

1. Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?
  - a. YES, NO, or DON'T KNOW
2. Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?
  - a. YES, NO, or DON'T KNOW
3. Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?
  - a. INCREASE or DECREASE
4. Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?
  - a. INCREASE or DECREASE
5. Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?
  - a. YES, NO, or DON'T KNOW
6. Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?
  - a. YES or NO
7. Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?
  - a. YES or NO
8. Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?
  - a. YES or NO
9. Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?
  - a. YES or NO
10. Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?
  - a. YES or NO
11. Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?
  - a. YES or NO
12. What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?
13. What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

**Quick statistics**

Survey 768644 'First Responders, Refuse and Public Grounds Survey'

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Results

Survey 768644

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Number of records in this query:	136
Total records in survey:	136
Percentage of total:	100.00%

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## Summary for Good

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

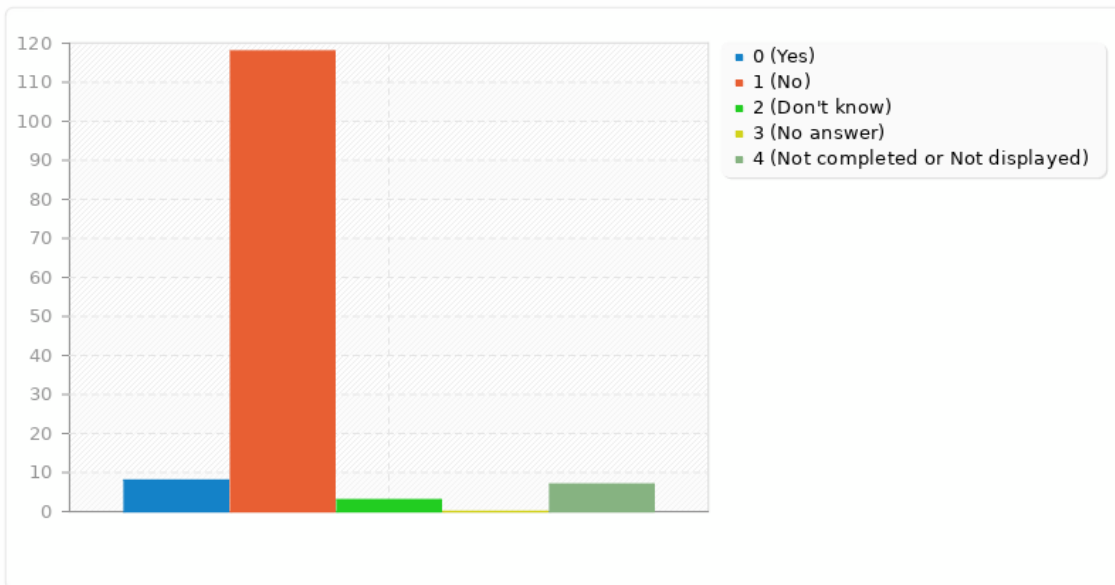
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Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	8	5.88%
No (A2)	118	86.76%
Don't know (A3)	3	2.21%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for Good

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

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## Summary for CRIME

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

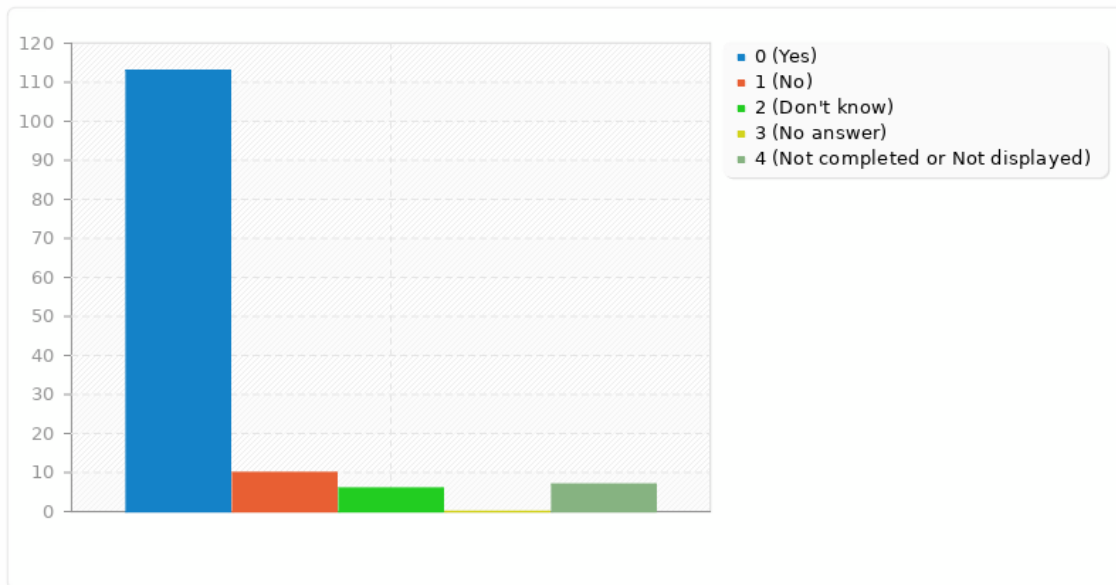
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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes (A1)	113	83.09%
No (A2)	10	7.35%
Don't know (A3)	6	4.41%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

## Summary for CRIME

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

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## Summary for ACCIDENT

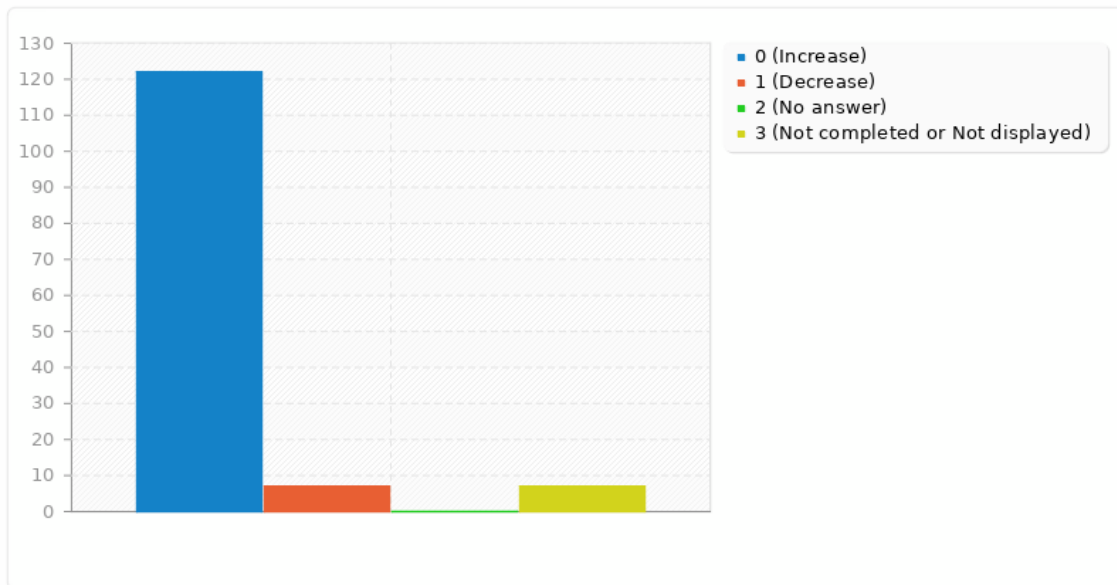
Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Increase (A1)	122	89.71%
Decrease (A2)	7	5.15%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for ACCIDENT

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?



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## Summary for LITTER

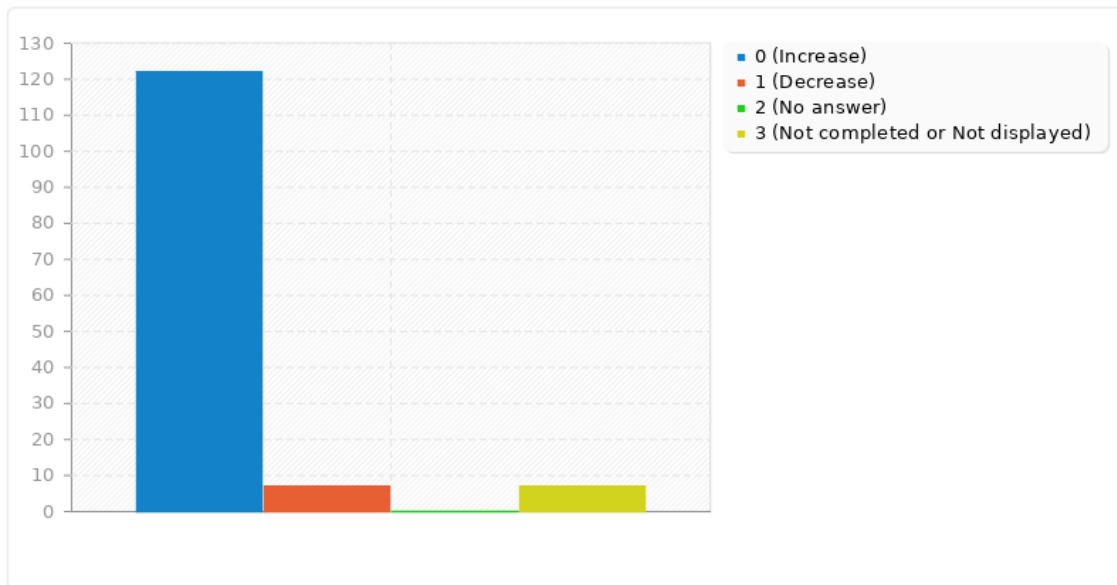
Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Increase (A1)	122	89.71%
Decrease (A2)	7	5.15%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for LITTER

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?



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## Summary for USERS

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

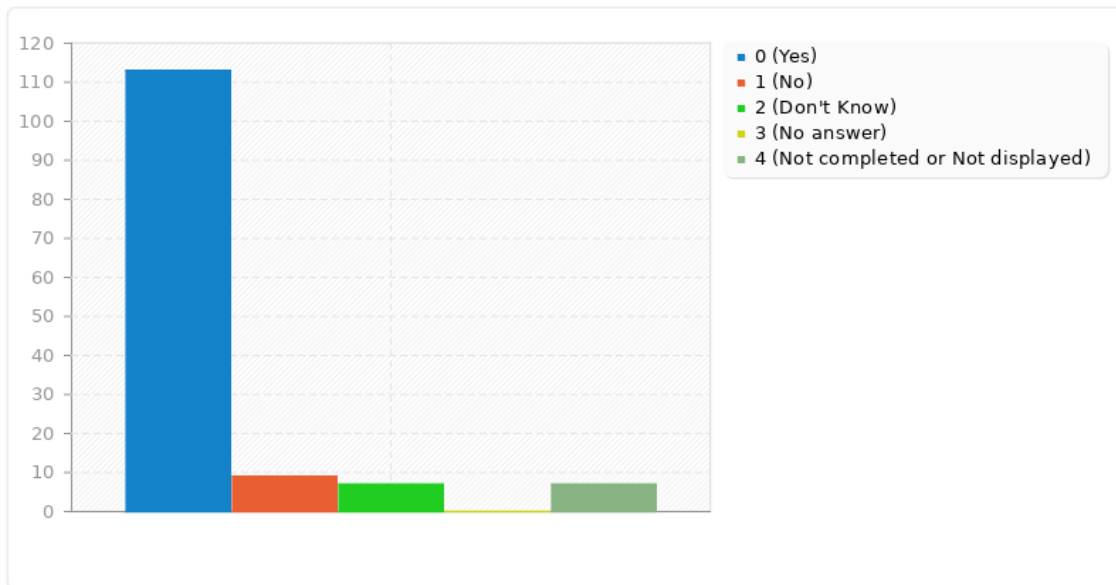
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Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	113	83.09%
No (A2)	9	6.62%
Don't Know (A3)	7	5.15%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

## Summary for USERS

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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## Summary for PROFESSIONAL

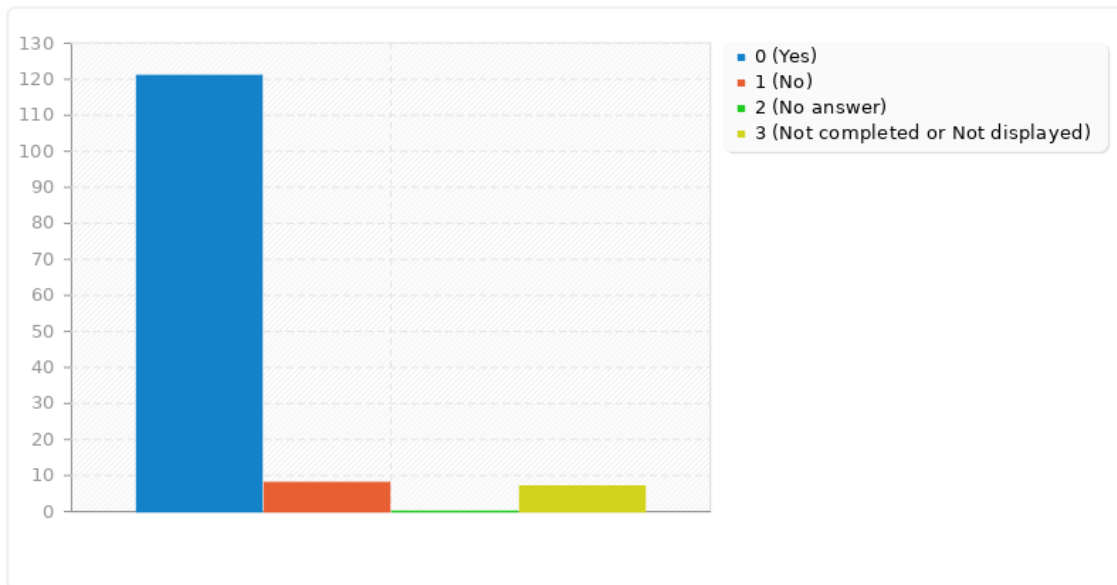
Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	121	88.97%
No (A2)	8	5.88%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for PROFESSIONAL

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?



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## Summary for RETURN

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

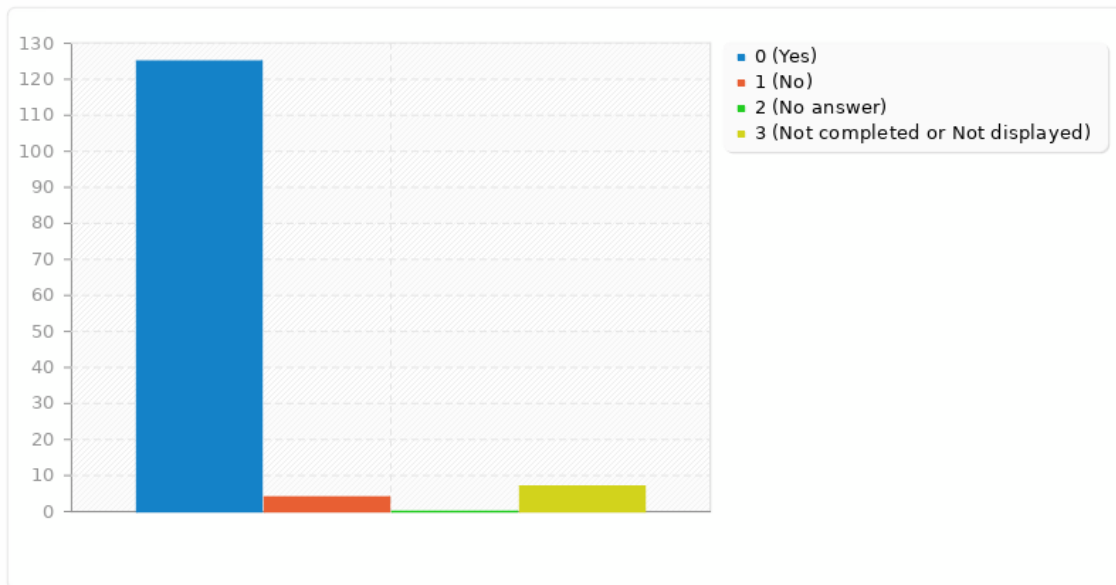
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Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	125	91.91%
No (A2)	4	2.94%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

## Summary for RETURN

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

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## Summary for ADDITIONAL

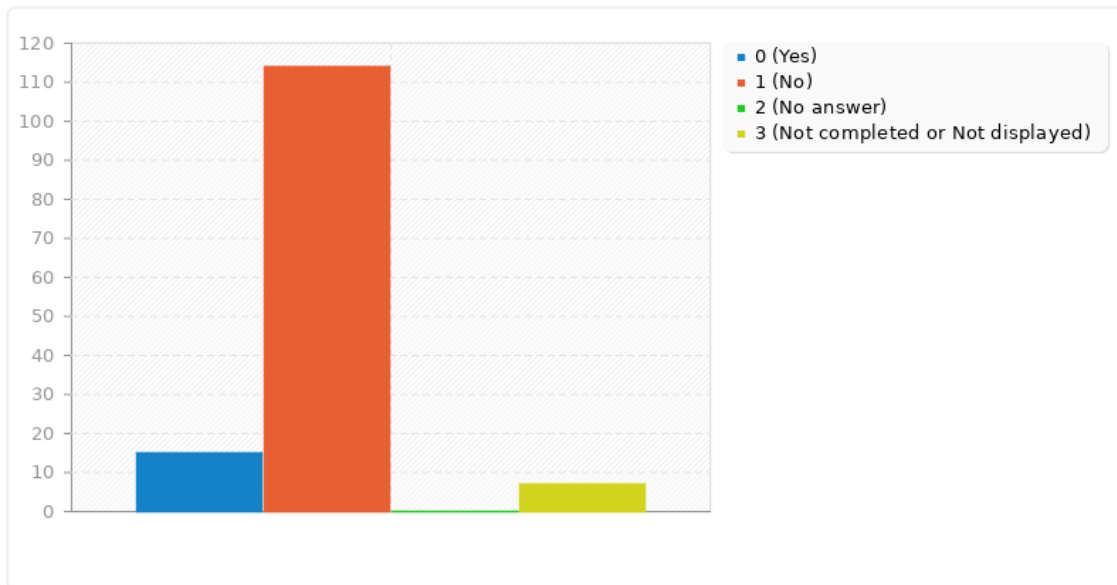
Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes (A1)	15	11.03%
No (A2)	114	83.82%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for ADDITIONAL

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?



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## Summary for PRIOR

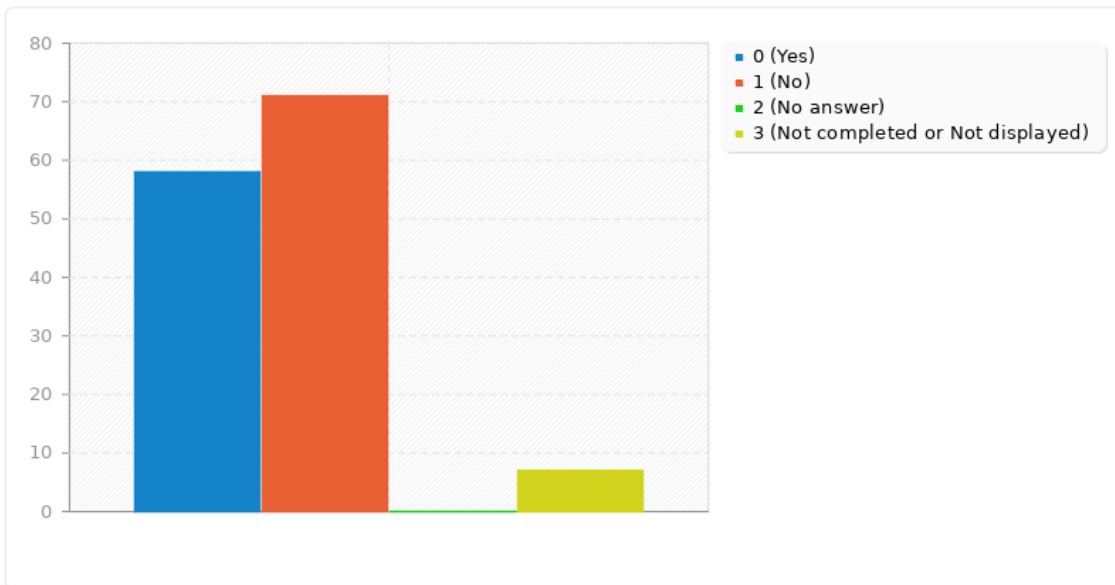
Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes (A1)	58	42.65%
No (A2)	71	52.21%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for PRIOR

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?



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## Summary for STUCK

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

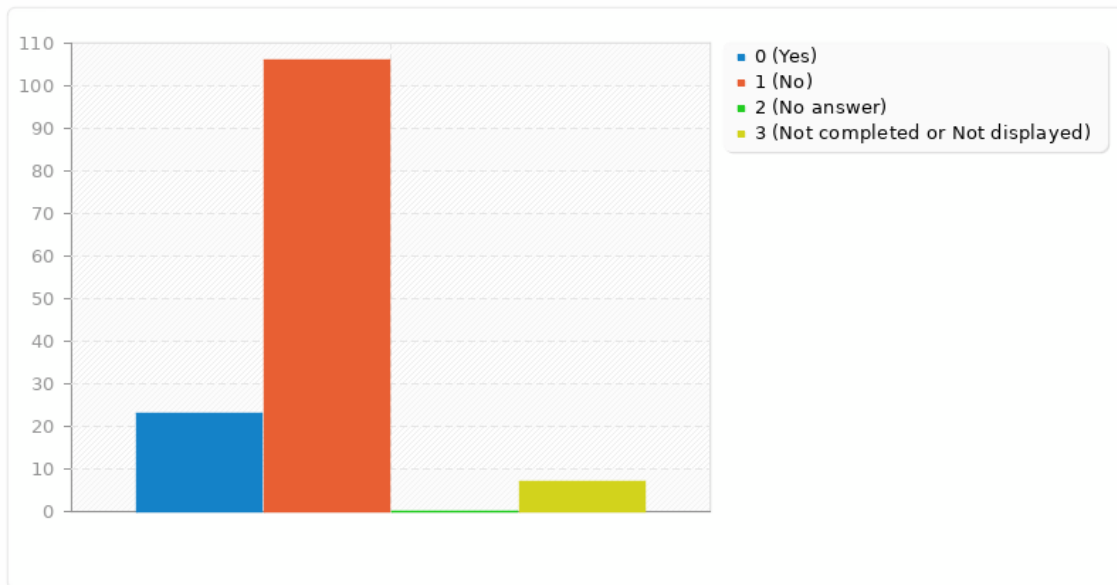
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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes (A1)	23	16.91%
No (A2)	106	77.94%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

### Summary for STUCK

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

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## Summary for HANDLE

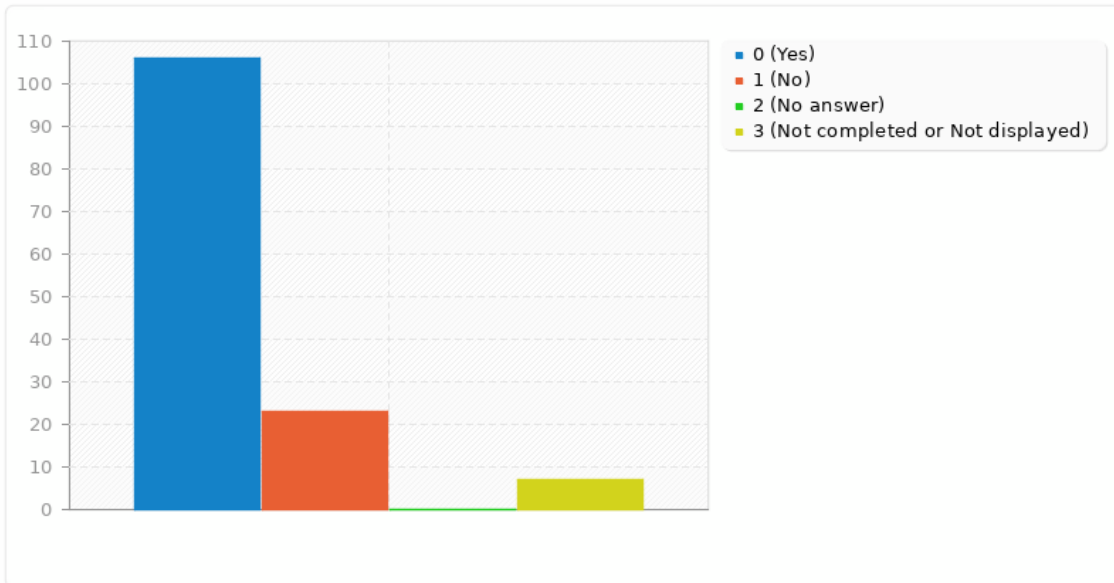
Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	106	77.94%
No (A2)	23	16.91%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not completed or Not displayed	7	5.15%

## Summary for HANDLE

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?



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# First Responders, Refuse and Public Grounds Survey

## Survey response 1

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?
Yes
Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?
No
Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?
Decrease
Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?
Decrease
Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?
No
Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?
No
Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?
No
Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?
Yes
Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?
Yes
Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?
No
Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?
Yes
What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?
Not an accurate question for people who protect the city.
What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?
Don't treat those struggling with addiction like persons who have a deadly contagious disease. They have an illness just like those with diabetes and cancer. Compassion and empathy go a long way, not everyone has had a fairy tale life.

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## Survey response 2

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have encountered discarded needles in every part of the city, West Side, East End, South Hills, Kanawha City, and Midtown.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Suspend the needle program until there is a better one in place.

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# Survey response 3

## Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 4

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Too many to list. The most bothersome are those areas frequented by children such as playgrounds and parks, Magic Island, Kanawha Blvd. Abandoned houses frequented by squatters have also posed a problem due to lack of light to see the needles and fires that are started in these structures by the squatters trying to get warm.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Only permit 1 for 1 needle exchanges. No needle giveaways or needs-based programs should be permitted. Require tracking numbers/codes on syringes from needle exchange programs. Use the codes to track the source of the syringes and level fines/sanctions against the programs for their clients' improper disposal of needles in public places. Needle exchange programs should be shut down if they fail to respond to the sanctions or pay fines.

# Survey response 5

## Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have encountered discarded syringes in all areas of the city, to include seeing a child almost exposed to a needle after he bent down to pickup a football that was thrown to him (in a neighborhood yard) If more needles are allowed to enter the city of Charleston for the purpose of providing for illegal drug use the following will occur and more: increase in person crimes, increase in property crimes, increase in overdoses, increase in policemen and children getting stuck unintentionally, burdensome to our business district where most needle program customers will loiter, increase in shoplifting and let us all remember that drug users have to steal to support their habits, the needle program would harbor these types of individuals who will be stealing from the citizens of Charleston to support their addiction.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

One idea is to call the program what it is, a needle program! The term "Harm Reduction" is a term that is used by advocates for the "needle program" so they can "shame" people who do not support needle distribution. It is a way to disguise "needle distribution" with a term in attempt to make people feel guilty if they are against it. Most people have no issues with helping a person in need with food, shelter, water or things that are necessary to live. People do have a problem with deploying a program that provides free needles to people for illegal drug use. And I know we all hear it is for the "greater good" to decrease HIV, AIDS, etc... The fact is, there are proven studies where cities have attempted this very model and actually have not seen a decrease in disease but an increase in disease. PEOPLE, PLEASE WAKE UP AND UNDERSTAND THAT NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION POSES MANY DANGERS TO FIRST RESPONDERS, TRAVELERS, AND EVERY CITIZEN IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. Charleston needs an administration that is willing to stand up against this threat to our pursuit of happiness and not stand in the background hoping it goes through. STAND UP FOR YOUR CITY AND HER PEOPLE CHARLESTON ADMINISTRATIONS, WE SHOULDNT HAVE TO DO YOUR JOB FOR YOU!

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# Survey response 6

## Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?
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What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?
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## Survey response 7

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

ALL AREAS OF THE CITY , SOME WORSE THAN OTHERS.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

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## Survey response 8

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All sides of town

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it illegal to possess syringes for illegal activities.

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## Survey response 9

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all over the city

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

crack down and arrest the users of the syringes

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## Survey response 10

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all over no certain area has been more of a problem than others

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

limit the number of needles people have access to

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## Survey response 11

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Eliminate syringes.

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## Survey response 12

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all over

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

i dont know

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## Survey response 13

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

m any

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 14

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

many

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 15

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

west side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

not to give them out

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## Survey response 16

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

West Side and East End

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 17

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

west side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

do away with the program

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## Survey response 18

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

westside eastend north charleston

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

dont give them out ,and have a designated people to come pick them up.

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## Survey response 19

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The East End of Charleston, Ive recovered needles from playgrounds,restaurants, store restrooms, dog parks, and various other areas.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop the needle hand outs!

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## Survey response 20

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

its at every stop we come to.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

we have to use the backhoe to get rid of everything at that address we come to. This needle exchange was a VERY bad idea....

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## Survey response 21

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

biohazard drop boxes

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## Survey response 22

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

In vacant homes in the city, on sidewalks around businesses.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make sure these needles are marked and can be traced back to the company that distributed them. When one of us gets stuck by a needle we want to know who to come and look for.

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## Survey response 23

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Public parks, abandoned houses, sidewalks, purses, parking lots, open fields, vehicles (including glove compartments and floor boards) and residence yards. Basically anywhere a transient can walk you can expect to find a discarded needle.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

You can't litter what you don't have. I believe the city should prohibit the giving of needles and Narcan completely. It only encourages the behavior which I think everyone can agree is not favorable. Instead of giving an addict the tools they need to continue their habit, and have them view the city as supporting them, they should be providing services for assistance in recovery. Encourage the breaking of the habit rather than continuing it. This will clean up our streets, make our parks safer for our children, ease the emergency services responsibilities, and ultimately save lives! There is no other option.

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## Survey response 24

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Sidewalks, apartment buildings, Haddad Riverfront Park, grocery store parking lots

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Unknown

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## Survey response 25

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

City limits

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make syringes illegal to possess again

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## Survey response 26

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East End, West side, KC, & South Hills

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make the public aware of how to properly dispose of syringes.

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## Survey response 27

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East and West sides of Charleston

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

none

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## Survey response 28

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?
No
Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?
Yes
Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?
Increase
Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?
Increase
Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?
Yes
Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?
Yes
Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?
Yes
Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?
No
Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?
No
Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?
No
Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?
Yes
What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?
Where haven't I? I'm a police officer and I have encountered it everywhere. Around the mall, the Mary Ratrie Greenspace, Clay Center, Coliseum, any abandoned home I've entered, random sidewalks, beside the Stop N' Go, I could go on and on.
What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?
It needs to be a 1:1 exchange. I understand this isn't best practices for reducing HIV/HEP rates, but no one is taking into consideration how these unregulated needle exchanges increases crime. Access to free needles increases the amount of drug users in Charleston, which then increases the amount of drug dealers, it is simple supply/demand. With an increase in drug dealers you have more violent crime. Also, when an area of our town is littered with needles and those who use them, nobody wants to invest in that area.

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## Survey response 29

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Playgrounds, Parks, on the street.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop giving them out.

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## Survey response 30

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Multiple areas of the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not compromise the safety of all citizens of Charleston to accommodate addicts.

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## Survey response 31

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?
No
Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?
Yes
Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?
Increase
Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?
Increase
Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?
Yes
Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?
Yes
Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?
Yes
Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?
No
Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?
No
Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?
No
Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?
Yes
What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?
Shanklin parking garage; various city streets
What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?
N/A

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## Survey response 32

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Parking garage at civic center

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not give them out so they will stop coming to charleston. lowering the amount of people who are in position of neddles in the city

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## Survey response 33

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Boulevard; downtown sidewalks

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I am not sure.

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## Survey response 34

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

the bulk of needles are found in alleys and places where homeless people hang together

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

limit the amount of needles and have designated locations for drop-offs

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## Survey response 35

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

No

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Magic Island  
Town Center Garage  
Civic Center Garage  
Gas Stations

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Shut down the needle exchange program

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## Survey response 36

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Civic Center Garage, Town Center Garage, and along the boulevard near the river.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop handing out syringes to drug users

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## Survey response 37

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Yards, street gutters, public park (not playground)

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

One for One exchange. No dirty needles brought in, no clean needles given out. Hand out sharps containers with the clean needles. Give them gift cards for returning extra dirty needles, or some kind of incentive for picking up discarded needles and bringing them in.

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## Survey response 38

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Mostly the East End and West Side. I have seen them mostly in abandoned homes, streets and sidewalks. The worst place I have seen them is in public parks and school playgrounds where children play. These are common places for drug addicts to congregate, not diabetics as one health professional in support of needle distribution claimed to be a big part of the problem. As a first responder, I have never encountered a diabetic discarding their needles where it shouldn't be. I have personally witness drug addicts discard their needles many times in areas that are not acceptable.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I am against needle distribution but, if needle distribution continues, it needs to be housed in a building where medical experts are available to assist with testing, counseling, and rehab. A mobile distribution center makes it extremely convenient for drug users not seeking counseling or rehab access to drug paraphernalia and with zero accountability enabling drug users and needles will once again litter the city. With needle litter, I believe needle distributors should have some identifying mark on their needles and completely be held accountable if needle litter is found anywhere in the city other than a proper disposal area. There should be a city ordinance fining those distribution centers and an order of clean up throughout the city to prevent needle sticks of the general public and first responders.

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## Survey response 39

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have seen them streets of Charleston in various places as well as in restrooms all across the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

We need to stop the needle exchange program as a whole. This is just causing more problems for the city, our city workers and first responders.

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## Survey response 40

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All sides of town, but primarily on the West Side and the East End.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Harm reduction programs should require a visit to an actual facility staffed with trained professionals in order to receive syringes. A dollar for dollar / hour for hour effort should be mandated for harm reduction programs that balance distribution and service with preventative education starting with school aged children.

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## Survey response 41

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The west side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Elimination of all Syringe programs. Make hyperdermic needles paraphernalia and illegal to possess. If people cannot have these items in the city they risk being arrested, if they are arrested enough they will leave our city.

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## Survey response 42

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Each side of town

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop giving out syringes!

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## Survey response 43

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The whole city of Charleston

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop giving syringes to drug addicts.

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## Survey response 44

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

transit, along river banks, in abandoned homes

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

require a brick and mortar establishment.

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## Survey response 45

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

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Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

stop giving out syringes

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## Survey response 46

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Any common area to transit homeless in downtown area East to West .

In and around many residences on East and West that is known to hold drug uses or Wandering homeless . Which is multiple places throughout the city .

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Charleston has become a desirable place to come and stay for transit criminals and homeless. Which is where we are today. The multiple free services and open arms environment is not the method for an individual to change. A vast majority of Drug addicts get to where they have some degree of mental issues and lack self respect for themselves and others . Sticking a needle inside ones body is agreed to be irresponsible. Same irresponsible individuals Are expected to be responsible and return them?

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## Survey response 47

### Survey Questions

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All sides of town ( Charleston )

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

one for one exchange  
or instead of providing the addicts with needles & syringes, provide easy access and admission to rehabilitation ( most facilities require insurance ) most addicts do not work and does not have personal insurance / benefits.

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## Survey response 48

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

streets , alleys and river banks to mentions just a few

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

If the needle exchange does happen again, but to note I'm fully against. However there has to be accountability for the user and the business that is providing the service.

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## Survey response 49

### Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 50

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

to many to name them all but here are a few locations, Motel/Hotels, playgrounds, school grounds, sidewalks, public restrooms, etc.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

We all know those that want to use intravenously will continue to do so whether safe or not. But creating an exchange providing not simply clean syringes but an abundant supply of syringes that will be left in areas where people can and will be exposed is not the answer. Helping one sector while alienating the other in the name of whatever it may be called is not the way things should be done. Condoning wrong behavior by trying to make said behavior safer is not the answer. We must provide a way out to those that are addicted not a way to continue. Stopping the spread of disease is important, but stopping the use of addicting drugs is the bigger picture that provides the answer all want. Mental health has a big role in this and i feel is being left out of the equation.

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## Survey response 51

### Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 52

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

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Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere West, East , and South

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

One for one exchange  
Bar coded needles  
Punishment for not properly discarded needles  
City code for being in possession of a uncapped needle

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## Survey response 53

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I found discarded needles on all 3 sides of town (west, east, & south).

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

stop giving them away!!!

I understand the theory of trying to reduce certain communicable diseases among drug addicts. However, I believe the theoretical benefit to drug addicts is far out weighed by the real harm of potentially exposing the entire population to being stuck by a contaminated needle. The discarded needles from those within the drug addict population will likely be contaminated by the very types of diseases that those who are in favor of "harm reduction" want to contain.

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## Survey response 54

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East end

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Needle exchange programs should be accountable for a one for one exchange program.

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## Survey response 55

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

on the streets, not usually at any one stop but have seen them at stops as well

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

they are gonna be there with or without harm reduction, need to control the HIV outbreak before it gets worse

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## Survey response 56

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 57

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Don't know

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East, West and South

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

1 for 1 exchange with the place the person got the syringe

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## Survey response 58

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Mainly the East End / Kanawha City

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Model Health Rights program

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## Survey response 59

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The entire city but mostly the west side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it illegal to carry an uncapped needle, do not give out needles

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## Survey response 60

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have encountered syringes laying about in every part of the city

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Health rites program is the way to go give back your syringes to get more and serial numbers to track them.

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## Survey response 61

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

West side, East End, and Kanawha City

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Don't give needles to junkies, help the diabetics!

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## Survey response 62

### Survey Questions

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The entire city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

A contact number for the people dispensing the needles so they can pick the needles up.

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## Survey response 63

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All sides of town

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Don't do the exchange program

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## Survey response 64

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Many locations on the east end, west side, and south side where known intravenous drug users frequently travel and congregate.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Harsher penalties for the distribution of drugs that are used intravenously. Harsher penalties for theft related crimes, these are typically committed by people who steal to buy drugs.

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## Survey response 65

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Homes, sidewalks, flower beds, everywhere imaginable

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Magnetized street sweeper

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## Survey response 66

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Down Town, East End, West Side, Kanawha City and North Charleston.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Should be properly disposed of just as the many diabetics have in the past.  
We really don't have a needle or syringe problem...

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## Survey response 67

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Decrease the amount of needles given to the general public and bring back strict penalties for discarding used syringes. The city has too many programs for drug users and the homeless. By providing these services, we are attracting the wrong people to the City of Charleston. These individuals are running our businesses and citizens out of the city. We need to put more revenue and support into providing for our law abiding non drug addicted citizens and attract visitors to our city. This will bring back businesses and people moving into the city limits which will bring in greater revenue. The current policies are ruining our city step by step. Take care of the people who actually care about the city.

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## Survey response 68

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Not have the needle exchange program at all. I remember encountering more chances to get stuck when the program was in place on overdose related calls and others, due to people having even more needles in their possession.

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## Survey response 69

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All precincts.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Prosecution, rehabilitation, work, life planning until they get it right. Progressively add more time to sentences for repeat offenders. Work programs similar to the old 1930's era CC Corps. Have them doing work that benefits everyone but, there are no or limited funds for. Examples; cleaning creek and riverbeds of debris. Making these areas more conducive to marine life and for recreation. Brush control and beautification projects (trees, landscaping etc.). Infrastructure using whats at hand and / or cheap. Cutting and placing stone for erosion control and beautification. Pay would include say \$1 / hr. with housing, medical, food etc. included. They get their accumulated funds at the end of their sentence. A third offense OD, needle violation etc. gets them a six month sentence that they can get behind them as soon as they have completed 1000 hours of training and work time for example. An 80 hr. week would turn a six month sentence into a three month sentence. what we are doing does not work. Just jailing them is not the answer. Letting them potentially hurt others for their convenience while making some feel good about how wonderful they are, as long as no one they care about gets hurt, is not the answer either. Love, meaning actually pushing them to be better no matter how uncomfortable making them uncomfortable is, is the answer. A boot upside a persons ass when they need it is a good thing. Better than a meaningless life full of heartache and pain on oneself, those close to them and society as a whole.

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## Survey response 70

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

EAST SIDE

WEST SIDE

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

No syringe/needle exchange program

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## Survey response 71

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

West and East.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Needle exchange program where individuals meet with medical professionals about their condition.

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## Survey response 72

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Play grounds, McDonald's play houses, city streets, stores and businesses, the Capitol grounds, downtown Charleston.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I am not inherently against needle exchange programs. I truly appreciate the well-meaning volunteers, although I do not agree with handing these out on street corners in residential areas or parking lots. There are two keys to a potentially successfully needle exchange program though: the word "exchange," i.e. the strict adherence of bringing back your old needles for new ones, and obtaining them from medical professionals who offer rehabilitation and other medical services on scene. The basis of success for the program should NOT be based off of the quantity of needles handed out to the public, yet rather the decrease in transmitted diseases and also the increase in referring people successfully to rehabilitation.

Thank you for allowing our feedback! It is truly appreciated.

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## Survey response 73

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

east west and south district

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

dont increase the amount of needles into the city

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## Survey response 74

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

BLVD, East End, and Westside

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Have syringe collection sites throughout the City specifically in high drug use areas.

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## Survey response 75

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Address the unauthorized needle exchanges in the city and get rid of them.

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## Survey response 76

### Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 77

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Enforce exchange strictly

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## Survey response 78

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere in the City, to include city parks, roadways/alleyways, public and private bathrooms, all manner of businesses/restaurants.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Reinstate the City Ordinance allowing police to issue a citation, if found they can prove who discarded the syringe litter and if they are in a program or not. If not be able to cite if they are not in a program.

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## Survey response 79

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

west side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

dont give needles out

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## Survey response 80

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

almost everywhere in the city.i recently discarded a needle in front of a school on gordon drive last week.and that wasnt the only time i have found them near a school

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

dont past them out to anyone who is not willing to not go into a treatment program it should be a limit or time period for the exchange for anyone whos using to cut them off if not willing to seek help

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## Survey response 81

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Nowhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Mandatory exchange

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## Survey response 82

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Don't know

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Kanawha City

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I really don't know.

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## Survey response 83

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East and West

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not allow an exchange program and increase training for employees

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## Survey response 84

### Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 85

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Abandoned structures, city parks and sidewalks in the 5000 block of MacCorkle Ave SE

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

1 for 1 exchange. IV users should have to see a doctor and be given information on rehab.

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## Survey response 86

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Needles can and are found anywhere in the City. Providing free needles increases the likelihood subjects will use drugs. A needle exchange program is nothing more than a person who enables an addicted person.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not have a needle exchange program. Reinstate the criminal penalties, including jail time, for the possession of needles. Make criminal penalties for people who provide needles to anyone for criminal purposes.

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## Survey response 87

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Abandoned homes, alleyways

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Barcodes identifiable to an individual.

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## Survey response 88

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not let another needle program start. Stop catering to the homeless which will deter them from coming to our city which will in turn lessen the needle users and needle trash.

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## Survey response 89

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Each side of the city. West, South and East

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I would like to address the survey. This is definitely a skewed survey by the lack of relevant answers. What is your favorite color blue or red? Not a lot of options. The needed exchange program has been proven to reduce the spread of HIV and Hepatitis. West Virginia is leading the nation in Hepatitis. It is a no brainer that the programs are needed. The issue is the programs are not ran properly. It should be a one for one exchange. There should be prevention and substance abuse counselors available during the exchange. Like crime at the Town Center, this issue has been blown out of proportion. Needles are not everywhere like the news and city officials are leading people to believe.

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## Survey response 90

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Throughout the city

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Don't allow needle programs

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## Survey response 91

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I personally have recovered or known of recovered syringes in all parts of the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

More public sharps disposal access points. Of course this comes with buy in from the public and breaking the dreaded stigma. A more personal approach to those who receive the syringes that counseling can occur and emphasis on being disciplined and not carelessly discarding syringes.

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## Survey response 92

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All over the westside, near the homeless shelters and mana meal, and upper Kanawha City

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I like health rights needles that have a barcode on them. The needles I find working never have a barcode. If a syringe is found with a barcode the PD should have the ability to scan the barcode and see who it belongs too. Once the syringe's ownership is found, that person should be charged and a mandatory one night in jail or must pick up trash in the city for a four hour block.

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## Survey response 93

### Survey Questions

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No

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Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have found them in multiple homes alley's playgrounds and other public areas.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

If the needle exchange program would require users to return all the needles they use then it would make them less prone to discarding them.

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## Survey response 94

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Lilith the amount of syringes issued and make sure they keep a 1 for 1 swap.

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## Survey response 95

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all areas !

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Prosecute for paraphernalia and endangering people exposed to their negligence.

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## Survey response 96

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

In all areas of Charleston

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

One for one needle exchanges and fines and penalties to those distributing needles causing syringe litter.

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## Survey response 97

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All around the city, from commercial to residential areas, including recreational areas.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Currently there are no consequences for using heroin and improper disposal of syringes. There needs to be some sort of consequence, mandatory rehab?

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## Survey response 98

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Pretty much everywhere. Playgrounds, alleyways, vacant houses, on persons etc...

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I would suggest a 1 for 1 exchange where the serial number is linked to the individual . I also would suggest that they participant voluntarily sign a waiver to have not their identity but their infectious diseases released to any medical staff or first responder for the purpose of properly treating anyone who receives an accidental needle stick. I would also suggest that they take a mandatory blood draw that tests for infectious diseases as well as be offered drug rehab and counseling.

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## Survey response 99

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The one that stands out the most is I had a small boy come to me during Live on the Levee and tell me about multiple discarded syringes down near the boat ramp/stage area where he and other kids were playing. Also, in the bathrooms at the mall. Just about any out-of-the-way place, and sometimes not so out-of-the-way places, people can go to use drugs.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not permit needle exchange programs in our city. As much as I want to slow the spread of disease and help people who are addicted, the amount of crime and influx of drug addicts and the issues associated with them that directly affect Charleston in a negative way are overwhelming. It's literally killing this great little city.

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## Survey response 100

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

The entire city

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Not trying to be heartless, but, if you feed a stray animal.

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# Survey response 101

## Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Behind Marty's tire, in alleyways, on children's playgrounds such as celebration station, in Davis Park, at Haddad Riverfront Park, Mary Ratreer greenspace, Magic Island, Along the Elk and Kanawha Rivers, under interstate, in the Mall, in parking garages, basically everywhere you can imagine.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Drug users care enough to pick up their own litter. ...but that won't happen

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## Survey response 102

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All sides of town, parks, public restrooms.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it a crime to possess syringes without medical documentation

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## Survey response 103

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of town except for south hills

I've had the needle scrap my hands and wrist, so close to be penetrated by a "dirty" used needle with people that had hepatitis and or AIDS.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Just being completely honest- the "users" don't go by any rules that will be set in place because they broke the rules to begin with by becoming a user. Yes people can change, so let's not add to their addiction by giving them more needles and don't excuse their behavior. They need to be locked up in a facility (to help them) where they can slowly be taken off their drug addiction. Let's help them with a solution, not bend the rules for them. Giving them new syringes and no help.... isn't helping them at all. Let's find a large building, give them medical staff and control their addiction until they are suitable to face society again (reasonably). The halfway houses and other programs don't work because the addict is allowed to wonder around and that's when they get their drug of choice. What I recommend, needs to be a locked facility, give them their life back by taking away their addiction. I can go into more details, but I have my doubts anyone reads this anyways, if they do, they won't consider it.

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## Survey response 104

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of town

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

A one-for-one exchange of needles

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## Survey response 105

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

No needle exchange program !!!

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## Survey response 106

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

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Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

all areas

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

if there is a needle exchange program in Charleston it should be a needle for needle exchange

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## Survey response 107

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Throughout

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Discontinue of needle programs

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## Survey response 108

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

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Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Leon Sullivan Way, Davis Park

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it a separate offense for unlawful or improper disposal of needles on public or private property with jail time. one for one exchange

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## Survey response 109

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Entire City

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

more accountability to the program giving out the needles.

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## Survey response 110

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of the City, from Kanawha City to the West Side. On open streets, Alley's and in business'.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do not give them out without some type of accountability, i.e. ID required when exchanging. Only a one for one exchange program should be utilized, and only the needles/syringes given out, not tourniquets, cotton filter, etc.. This should not be an enabling program but a public health/safety program to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, while at the same time protecting the larger population from accidental needle sticks and litter.

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## Survey response 111

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Numerous different areas. They've been located in playgrounds, public restrooms, parks and streets.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Do away with the needle exchange program. If there is going to be needle exchange, then it should be a 1 for 1 trade. The needles could also be marked to where they could be linked to a specific distributor, and the distributor could be held accountable for multiple occurrences of syringe litter.

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## Survey response 112

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

East end around CAMC General Hospital

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

N/A, new officer

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## Survey response 113

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

N/A new officer

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

N/A new officer

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## Survey response 114

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

na new officer

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

get rid of the program

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## Survey response 115

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Don't know

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

n/a New officer

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

N/A New officer

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## Survey response 116

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

N/A new officer

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

N/A new officer

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## Survey response 117

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All areas of the city.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

I do not support the needle exchange program, I personally believe that it has increased the crime rates and has encouraged the addiction.

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## Survey response 118

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

No

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

n/a new officer

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

n/a new officer

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## Survey response 119

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

under the interstate bridge

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

do away with it

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## Survey response 120

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

No

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Decrease

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

none

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

none

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## Survey response 121

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

No

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have encountered needles on all sides of the city, east, west and south.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

A 1 for 1 exchange with some type of tracking, like a bar code, is the only way a needle exchange can work and still keep the employees and citizens of this city safe. It is ridiculous to think that is an acceptable program to hand out hundreds of thousand needles and be good with only receiving half that amount or less back. I would also like to see a system where needles are only given to residents of this city or perhaps or Kanawha County. This would help stop the influx of people from other counties or states coming here and adding to our homeless population.

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## Survey response 122

### Survey Questions

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

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## Survey response 123

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

EAST/WEST/SOUTH AREA

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

ENSURE THAT NEEDLES ARE RETURNED BEFORE THEY CAN GET ANY OTHER!

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## Survey response 124

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Haddad Park

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

If there are less needles distributed and/or used, then there will be less syringe liter. Focus on the source of the problem (the users).

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## Survey response 125

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Don't know

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Don't Know

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Some on the East end and some on the West Side

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

one for one exchange and maybe some disposal areas in strategic places that they can be dropped off in a secure container.

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## Survey response 126

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All over during needle exchange.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Don't pass them out. You have a responsibility to protect your employees from harms way. Employee safety should be first, not a needle exchange program.

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## Survey response 127

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

In downtown area, near businesses and on playgrounds of Piedmont Elementary and near Charleston Catholic

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

We don't need it in this city

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## Survey response 128

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Westside and East End

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

The property owners should be responsible for the clean up and upkeep of their property. When the needle exchange program was in place there was yards all over the westside with piles of needles in them.

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## Survey response 129

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it illegal to have a syringe in your possession unless you have a prescription for them for a legitimate medical reason.

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## Survey response 130

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

No

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

All over the city

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Stop giving away needles

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## Survey response 131

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

Yes

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

I have seen discarded needles laying in the parks on the ground, I have seen needles laying in the roadways, I have seen needles on sidewalks, in homes, and also discarded left laying in businesses.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

More disposal boxes located throughout the city that the public and users may use as needed to discard used needles.

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## Survey response 132

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

Yes

Do you believe participants in a needle exchange program should be required to return their used needles to receive new ones?

Yes

Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

No

Prior to this survey, have you been asked for your opinion regarding needle exchange programs in the City of Charleston?

Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Everywhere

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make it criminal again if you do not need it for medical/preexisting condition

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## Survey response 133

### Survey Questions

Do you believe the Health Department's needle program was good for the City of Charleston?

No

Do you believe the Health Department's Needle Program led to an increase in crime?

Yes

Do you believe needle programs increase or decrease the likelihood of an accidental needle prick for the public at large, refuse employees or first responders performing their job duties?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

Increase

Do you believe that needle programs result in an increase in the number of intravenous drug users coming into the City of Charleston from outside areas?

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Do you believe participants in a needle program should be required to meet with a medical professional during each visit to the program?

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Do you believe additional needle programs are needed in the City of Charleston?

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Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

city wide

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

If the they are going to give syringes out then require them to turn the used needles back in. Or they don't receive any more.

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## Survey response 134

### Survey Questions

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Yes

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Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

From the East to the West, and North to South. High and low everywhere in between. After the program was shut down there was a noticeable decline of used needles located on the street/ on individuals. This will without a doubt increase as more are handed out. Therefor increasing the chance of innocent people getting stuck by a dirty needle.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Don't hand them out, period. Let's just use common sense on this, more needles will do more harm than good. People that have no idea what PD deals with can't understand how big a problem this is. Come join me on one of my frequent abandoned house searches where there are needles left laying around like cigarette butts, not one or two but literally dozens of open dirty needles. The individuals in support of this need to stop and think for a moment about what it would be like to put this uniform on and deal with the many dangers of being a Police Officer every day. On top of that worry about getting stuck by a filthy, disease infested needle. Then having to spend the rest of their life on HIV medication because they contracted it from a suspect with a hidden, uncapped dirty needle. Addiction is a serious problem and I do have compassion for those that need help, but giving them tools to just feed the addiction is not the answer. Supporting this needle "exchange" is a punch in the gut to law enforcement, and emergency responders. It's a heartless and thoughtless thing to do regarding the individuals that have been stuck by a dirty needle. As well as a slap in the face to their families. Let's put our time, effort, money into healing individuals from their addictions instead of condoning it. God Bless and good day.

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## Survey response 135

### Survey Questions

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No

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Do you believe that needle programs increase or decrease syringe litter throughout the community?

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Yes

Have you been stuck by a needle in the course of your work with the City of Charleston?

No

Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

Yes

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

Throughout the city there have been an uptick in discarded needles. Additionally, with my job I have access to work throughout the county. With this we have been seeing more needles that are clearly coming from exchange programs. After speaking to the individuals that possess these needles, it was determined that these individuals are traveling from neighboring towns and cities to collect needles.

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

Make possession of syringes, and the discarding of syringes illegal within city limits.

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## Survey response 136

### Survey Questions

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Do you know how to properly handle syringe litter?

No

What area of the City have you encountered discarded syringes?

city parks.. Pennsylvania ave .. under pass.. the kanawha blv.. just about any flower bed its really bad out here

What ideas do you have to address syringes and syringe litter?

stop givein them syringes if they dont have none they cant throw them down and they would go to the next town that does they take to good of care of them around here to get them to keep moving and the biggest thing is they need to get the cops to get the drugs off the street... NO SYRINGES

**Bill No. 7893**

**Introduced in Council:**

**January 19, 2021**

**Introduced by:**

**Sam Minardi, Adam Knauff, Pat Jones  
Shannon Snodgrass, Bruce King,  
Deanna McKinney, Jennifer Pharr,  
Jeanine Faegre and Chuck Overstreet**

**Adopted by Council:**

**Referred to:**

**Public Safety**

1 **Bill No. 7893** - A BILL to amend and reenact Sections 78-381, 78-382, and 78-383 of  
2 the Municipal Code of the City of Charleston and to repeal Sections 78-396 and 78-397  
3 of said Code, all relating to requiring any distribution of hypodermic needles within the  
4 City of Charleston to be performed by persons or entities that have a certification as a  
5 Harm Reduction Program from the State of West Virginia in addition to any required  
6 state license; eliminating the ability for the Chief of Police to provide exceptions, and  
7 establishing penalties for violations.

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9 **Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Charleston:**

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11 That Sections 78-381, 78-382, and 78-383 of the Municipal Code of the City of  
12 Charleston is amended and reenacted, and that Sections 78-396 and 78-397 of said  
13 Code are repealed, all to read as follows:

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15 **Subdivision II. - ~~Sale, Marketing, and Distribution of Hypodermic Needles and~~**  
16 **Syringes**

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18 **Sec. 78-381. - ~~Sale, marketing and distribution~~ Distribution of hypodermic**  
19 **needles; state license certification required.**

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21 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons as principal, clerk, agent, ~~or~~ servant or  
22 otherwise acting individually or on behalf of any entity, organization or group to sell,  
23 market, or distribute any hypodermic syringes, needles and other similar objects used  
24 or designed for injecting substances into the human body, without obtaining and having  
25 certification as a Harm Reduction Program from the West Virginia Bureau for Public  
26 Health within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and any  
27 and all licenses required under state law to do so: ~~except that, items distributed by or~~  
28 exchanged at a needle exchange program sponsored or approved by the Chief of  
29 Police of the Charleston Police Department, as provided by Subdivision III herein, are  
30 thereby approved and are not unlawful.

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32 **Sec. 78-382. - Compliance with state law and regulations.**

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34 Every person, entity, organization, or group certified or licensed to sell, market, or  
35 distribute hypodermic needles shall comply with all applicable state law and regulations.  
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37 **~~Subdivision III. – Needle Exchange Program~~**

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39 **Sec. 78-383. - Penalty.**

40 Any person violating any provision of this subdivision shall, if convicted, be guilty of a  
41 misdemeanor and be fined not less than five hundred ~~ten~~ dollars nor more than one  
42 thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars for the first offense and succeeding offenses. Each day  
43 that such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.  
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45 **~~Sec. 78-396. – Needle exchange program authorized.~~**

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47 ~~The City of Charleston, by and through its Chief of Police, may sponsor, approve, or~~  
48 ~~participate in a program or programs within the City of Charleston for the distribution or~~  
49 ~~exchange of hypodermic syringes, needles and other similar objects used or designed~~  
50 ~~for injecting substances into the human body.~~

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52 **~~Sec. 78-397. – Rules and regulations; Chief of Police authorized.~~**

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54 ~~The Chief of Police of the City of Charleston Police Department is authorized to~~  
55 ~~promulgate reasonable rules or regulations deemed necessary to implement and~~  
56 ~~administer a program within the City of Charleston provided for in Section 78-396 for~~  
57 ~~the distribution or exchange of hypodermic syringes, needles and other similar objects~~  
58 ~~used or designed for injecting substances into the human body.~~