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# If you didn't drop it, don't pick it up

Following recent events in the Amesbury and Salisbury area involving the nerve agent Novichok, our current advice is that the risk to the public is **low**.

As a precaution and in the interest of your own safety, we're advising everyone in this area not to pick up any foreign objects that don't belong to them and could have contained liquid or gel.

This includes containers, lids, syringes, needles, cosmetics or similar objects, made of materials such as metal, plastic or glass.

If you're a parent, guardian or carer, please ensure your children follow this advice, particularly with school holidays approaching.

We will keep this assessment under constant review as further information becomes known.

For more information see [www.gov.uk/phe](http://www.gov.uk/phe) or call the Wiltshire Police helpline on Freephone **0800 092 0410** or **0207 158 0124**