## **DANGEROUS CONTAINERS**

I, as many of my peers, would like that our city Nikšić, is clean and tidy. But, there are several problems that keep from our wishes come true, but one is especially interesting to me.

About 15-20m from the entrance to, Children's Dispensary and pharmacy there are 4 containers for garbage, but without protective wall and lids. Hundreds of ill people and children daily pass by them. Beside their foul smell, the needles, syrups, IV cables and other medical garbage that protrude from the containers create additional fear, especially for children. But this is not the worst!



<sup>(</sup>photo S.Rojević)

When you know that in "Health Centre" there are 3 laboratories, it is not hard to conclude what kind of medical waste is thrown out in the containers of the "Communal waste company". All used blood samples, urine, and other samples, as well as dangerous chemicals (live bacterial and viral cultures, fixating and developing chemicals, etc.) are thrown into the container. The bacteria, viruses and other materials are prone to disperse and multiply in the air, pollute the environment and can cause serious illness to those that are in contact with them. And what happens with these bacteria and viruses during summer time, it is up to you to decide?!



(photo S.Rojević)

After the presentation of this problem, I think that the responsible institutions should take the urgent measures so that the people would have clean and beautiful town. In the European Union, this problem is solved in the way that medical waste is destroyed directly in the hospitals is the specialized equipment for that purpose. I think that we also should introduce this equipment that would help protect us from the illnesses, and to immediately destroy the medical waste that is treated as "hazardous waste".

How medical waste is destroyed in EU?



(picture taken from the Internet)

But until this problem is not solved completely, I suggest that the "Sources of infections" are removed to some other, safer , more protected location, so we can have clean, tidy and nice beautiful Nikšić.

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