

SHARPS PRECAUTIONS



Keep all sharps handling to the absolute minimum and when possible substitute safety sharp devices/needles.

Always locate sharps containers within easy arms-length of use and at every site where needle/sharps use is expected to take place.

Position sharps containers at or below eye-level.

Do not recap/bend/shear/clip needles before disposal into sharps containers.

If needles are already capped, do not un-cap before disposal.

If loaded needles/sharps must be transported before use, be sure and contain the needle/sharp securely. Place in unbreakable secondary container or if re-capping can not be avoided, use a one-handed method to do so.

Always use luer-lock type needles to avoid potential leaks or sprays during injections.

Only fill sharp container to 2/3rd full before fully closing and discarding of containers for hazardous waste pick-ups.

Purchase sharp containers that meet OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.1030 (d)(2)(viii)(A-D).

Dispose entire securely closed sharp containers into biological/medical waste receptacles provided in your area.

For pick-up and disposal of biological/medical wastes call EHS 277-2753

All needle sticks/sharp exposures must be reported immediately to Employee Occupational Health Services for inclusion in the institutional sharps injury log report (EOHS 272-8043).

For related questions or concerns call BioHazard Compliance (272-8001 or 272-5993).