

Procedures for safe handling sharps



When the container is 3/4 full. dispose of it safely (check with biomedical waste management companies, pharmacies. CLSCs, etc.).

How to pick up sharp objects

- 1. Wear gloves.
- 2. Place a sharps container next to the object.
- 3. Pick up the object by the blunt end, using tongs reserved for this purpose only.
- 4. Put the object in the container.
- 5. To disinfect the tongs, soak them for at least 10 minutes in a solution of 9 parts water to 1 part bleach.
- 6. Throw the gloves out.
- 7. Wash your hands with soap and water.





Never...

- Never move around while holding sharps in your hands.
- Never pick up sharps with bare hands.
- Never try to put the cap back on a needle or razor.
- Never throw out used containers in recycling bins or with the garbage.

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