

# SHARPSGUARD®

## Standard Precautions

### Standard Precautions and Safe Working Practices for the Prevention of Sharps Injuries and Splash Exposures

**ALWAYS** watch what you are doing and ignore distractions whilst using sharps.

**ALWAYS** wear gloves / goggles / protective clothing if exposure to patients' body fluids is a possibility.

**ALWAYS** get help with uncooperative patients. It only takes a slight movement on their part to endanger yourself and the patient.

**ALWAYS** clean used instrument trays carefully. Caution is needed to ensure any loose, contaminated sharps or needles don't cause injury.

**ALWAYS** cover all cuts and abrasions in any area of exposed skin.

**ALWAYS** discard all waste contaminated with blood or body fluids into orange infectious waste sacks (or adhere to individual trust policy).

**ALWAYS** keep SHARPSGUARD® containers temporarily closed between use.



**NEVER** re-sheath needles.

**NEVER** reach into sharps containers.

**NEVER** use sharps containers after they are 2/3rds full. Ensure a supply of new SHARPSGUARD® containers.

**NEVER** grab at falling instruments.

**NEVER** rush or attempt short cuts whilst using sharps or needles.

**NEVER** move sharps by hand.

**NEVER** take a used device apart.

**In the event of a sharps injury or splash exposure follow your own policies and guidelines**

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