



# Used SHARPS Needles

Put used sharps in approved container  
within easy arms-length of use

When container is  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  full, put the lid on  
and place container  
in **red biological**  
waste bin.



## Approved Containers

Containers for contaminated sharps needles must be **puncture resistant** and **leakproof**. They must be **labeled or color-coded red** to warn everyone that the contents are hazardous. Containers must be **closable**, and they must be kept **upright** to keep the sharps and any liquids from spilling out.

**Do not use a cardboard box or metal container for needles.  
See Safety Coordinator for approved containers.**

Contaminated sharps must never be broken. **If recapping** is necessary, use a **one-handed “scoop” technique**, using the needle itself to pick up the cap, and then push the cap against a hard surface to ensure a tight fit.

**All needle sticks exposures must be reported immediately to  
Employee Occupational Health Services (505-272-8043).**