

Sharps Safety

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Do

- ✔ Dispose of sharps in a designated container
- ✔ Dispose of the sharps container when it is $\frac{3}{4}$ full
- ✔ Keep a sharps container on hand
- ✔ Dispose of needles with no effort to recap
- ✔ Use engineered recapping devices for processes requiring recapping or needle-free injectors

Don't

- ✘ Bend or manipulate needles
- ✘ Leave sharps around unprotected
- ✘ Dispose of sharps in regular trash
- ✘ Recap needles unless your procedure requires it



The One-Handed Scoop Technique*

**This technique should only be used when required by protocol and alternatives aren't available*



- Step 1: Scoop needle with one hand
- Step 2: Secure cap* with other hand

*Secure by the sides, not near the top

