

# SHARPS SAFETY



## Use Sharps Safely in the Research Lab

Penetration of the skin with a biologically-contaminated sharp device can result in transmission of microorganisms and viruses that could lead to serious infections.

Utilize alternatives, such as plastic aspirating pipettes or blank-tipped needles when possible.

← **Use Wisely**

**Dispose Properly** →

In an approved sharps container.  
Never overfill the container.

Poor technique can increase your risk of sustaining a sharps exposure. Practice in a controlled setting before using a sharp with potentially infectious material.

← **Get Trained**

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