

GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF SHARP INSTRUMENTS

It is **your** duty to protect yourself and others from sharps injuries

ALWAYS

- Use rigid BS/UN approved Sharps containers
- Label the SHARPSGUARD® appropriately prior to assembly and closure
- Carry sharps and SHARPSGUARD® in a tray
- Dispose of sharps at the point of use
- Discard needles and syringes as one unit into a SHARPSGUARD®
- Ensure SHARPSGUARD® is securely locked before disposal

NEVER

- Fill the SHARPSGUARD® beyond the fill line
- Pass sharps from hand to hand
- Recap / resheath needles
- Guide needles with fingers
- Send needles attached to syringes to the laboratory
- Rely on others to dispose of sharps for you



For further information, refer to your Infection Control Manual