**SHARPS DISPOSAL**

**Biohazardous Sharps**
- All sharp materials that have come into contact with human materials, viruses, or other potentially infectious materials.
- Must be disposed of in red, leak-proof, biohazardous sharps containers.
- ALL needles, razor blades and scalpels must ALWAYS be considered infectious, even if they have not come into contact with infectious materials.

**Non-Infectious Sharps**
- Any broken glass, serological pipets used to pipet buffers, or other materials that have not come into contact with infectious materials.
- Must be disposed of in leak-proof hard-sided containers.

**What are sharps?**
Anything that is capable of cutting skin or poking through a waste bag.

This includes:
Needles, razor blades, pipet tips, serological pipets, broken glass, etc.

**Points to remember**
- DO NOT overfill any container
- Rearranging puts workers at risk
- Handle all sharps with care
- NEVER put sharps in the regular trash

**REUSEABLE SHARPS**
A new program is available for the medical school and many other buildings on campus. Curtis Bay Energy provides reusable biohazard sharps containers to labs and a scheduled pick-up service. This program saves labs time and money while improving safety to workers.

**SHARPS AND SAFETY**

**MIXED WASTE**
For those laboratories who generate chemically contaminated or radioactively contaminated sharps waste, please see the biosafety manual or consult EHRS for proper waste disposal.

Proper sharps disposal is essential to keeping Penn workers, the environment, and the public safe.