

In Organisational Units which use sharps:

- A designated sharps container shall be available, with the material, design, construction, colour and markings of the container complying with AS 4031 or AS 4261. Containers shall be rigid-walled, puncture-resistant, have a tightly fitting lid, and be clearly labelled.
- All sharps are to be placed in a sharps container immediately after use, at the point of use, by the person that used them. Sharps containers should be within arm's reach of where the sharp is being used. Sharps are to be placed in the sharps container with the sharp end down.
- Sharps are not to be bent, broken or re-sheathed. Used needles must not be recapped, unless an approved needle containment/recapping device is used.
- Forceps or a blade removal device must be used to remove scalpel blades.
- Sharps containers must be sealed for disposal when the "fill" line is reached. Before using a sharps container check it is not full and there is sufficient space to accommodate the additional sharps. Users must not try to force further sharps inside as this may lead to an injury. The lid must be securely closed and the container sent for disposal.
- Collection of full sharps containers and other hazardous waste is arranged through Organisational Unit waste collection.
- Sharps contaminated with radioactive material must be placed in a sharps container designated for radioactive waste and disposed of in accordance with the licensing requirements for radioactive materials.

For incidental disposal of sharps and needles e.g. found in grass, bins, should not be picked up, until the person is wearing appropriate hand protection (e.g. leather gloves) and there is a sharps container for safe transport.

For incidental disposals, sharps bins are available at the following locations:

- Life Sciences Building Level 3 ,Sandy Bay
- Chemistry Building Sandy Bay
- School of Nursing & Midwifery, Launceston.
- Applied Science, Launceston