



## Sharps Safety

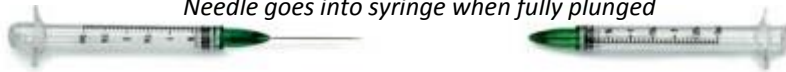
**What are sharps?** Sharps are considered any object that can cut or puncture the skin which includes:

- Scalpel Blades
- Broken Glassware
- Needles
- Razor Blades

**Safety Sharps:** Sharps related incidents can be reduced by using safety engineered sharps. These devices are engineered to protect the user from cuts and punctures.

### Safety Feature Examples

*Needle goes into syringe when fully plunged*



*Syringe with shield for needle*



*Sliding sheath for scalpel*



### Guidelines and Tips

- Dispose ALL sharps in a sharps container.
- Keep sharps containers close to the work area.
- Do not use any scalpel or razor blades without a handle.
- Avoid recapping needles whenever possible.
- Never leave blades or needle out on the lab bench.
- Replace hypodermic needles with blunt tip needles whenever the procedure allows for it.

### If you have a sharps injury

1. Wash the affected area with soap and water.
2. Seek medical attention.
3. Report incident to [Reportit.kaust.edu.sa](mailto:Reportit.kaust.edu.sa).

More information can be found here:

<https://hse.kaust.edu.sa/Services/Pages/Sharps-Safety.aspx>