

LSOP Title		Handling/Disposal of PC2 Sharps Waste
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1.0 Scope

To outline the procedures for handling/disposing of PC2 generated sharps waste. Please ensure you have completed any relevant training and if unsure always ask before disposing of items.

This LSOP does not cover the disposal of other laboratory waste.

2.0 Definitions

PC2 – Physical Containment Level 2

3.0 Prescribed Actions

Sharps refers to objects or devices having a sharp point or protuberance capable of cutting or piercing the skin. They include, but are not limited to, needles, syringes, sharp or broken glass, blades, scalpels, broken ampoules, glass Pasteur pipettes and glass capillary tubes.

General:

- Sharps waste generated in a PC2 lab needs to go into the yellow clinical sharps waste bins.
- Waste must be in a rigid sharps container labelled as Clinical Waste.
- Never reach into the sharps disposal container.

- Never empty the contents of the sharps disposal container into another container.
 - To dispose of container always close and lock the lid before placing into larger clinical waste bins.
- Never remove the lid from the container.
- Never overfill a sharps disposal container; no materials should be sticking out of the top.
 - There is a clear line indicating correct fill height on all sharps disposal containers. Indicated in RED.
- Never force materials into a sharps disposal container.