



SAFETY ENGINEERED  
MEDICAL DEVICES

# Preventing sharps and needlestick injuries

## DO

- ✓ Be familiar with the needle
- ✓ Plan for safe disposal
- ✓ Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ✓ Avoid recapping used needles
- ✓ Immediately activate the safety feature on the needle after use
- ✓ Place used sharps in nearest sharp disposal container
- ✓ Replace sharps containers when they are 3/4 full

## DON'T

- ✗ **DO NOT** activate safety feature on hard surfaces
- ✗ **DO NOT** put your hand into the sharps container
- ✗ **DO NOT** use the smaller tabletop sharps containers to store other items
- ✗ **DO NOT** fill containers beyond 3/4 fill line
- ✗ **DO NOT** place linen bags or garbage bins below containers

## SAFE RE-CAPPING TECHNIQUES

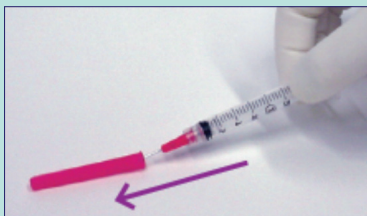
If there is a need to recap a clean needle for medication transport, use one of the following techniques:

### Cap Stand



1. Stand the cap on a level surface.
2. Aim the needle into the centre of cap with the safety arm aligned in the slot.
3. Insert until it snaps securely.

### Swoop and Scoop



1. Place needle cap on clean surface.
2. Use one hand to slide needle in the cap.
3. Lift up syringe with needle cap on.



4. Use other hand to grasp end of needle cap and push firmly into needle.