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Welcome to the City of Windsor's sharps training program.

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Sharps training is extremely important, for anyone whose work activities, mean there is the possibility of them coming into contact with sharp objects, which may cause injury, or illness.

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Session Objective

- To review terms related to sharps identification and disposal
- To describe the steps to follow in safe work practices for sharps collection & disposal



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The purpose of this program is to.

Review terms related to sharps identification and disposal.

And, to describe the steps to follow in safe work practices, for sharps collection and disposal.

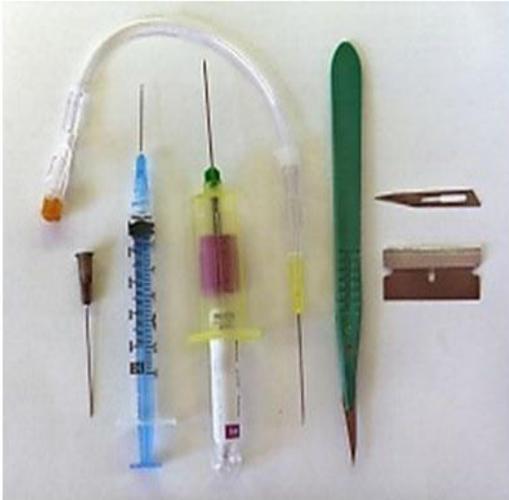
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What are Sharps?

- An item capable of penetrating or cutting the skin
- Examples:
 - Needles
 - Syringes
 - Blades
 - Lancets
 - Glass that may be contaminated with blood, bodily fluids or chemicals



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What are sharps?

Typically, sharps are items capable of cutting or penetrating the skin.

Some examples of sharps include: needles, syringes, blades, lancets, or glass that may be contaminated with blood, bodily fluids or chemicals.

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What Are Biohazards?

- Used items such as needles, syringes, scalpels, blades & other sharp items which can expose a worker to the transmission of blood borne infections and diseases
- The primary route of occupational injury is accidental injection



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Biohazard Container

- A rigid, puncture resistant leak-proof container designed to house discarded 'sharps'



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What is a Biohazard Container?

A biohazard container, sometimes called a sharps container, is a rigid, puncture resistant, leak-proof container, designed to house discarded sharps.

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Improper Disposal Happens In Many Forms

- Garbage cans – Parks & Playground - Road side - Beaches



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Improper disposal of sharps happens in many forms.

Improperly disposed of sharps may be found in garbage cans, parks and playgrounds, along the road side, and even at public beaches.

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Health Risks

- Hep. B virus, Hep. C virus and HIV can be acquired through exposure to contaminated bodily fluids
- Needlestick injuries generally cause only minor bleeding, however the risk of viral infection remains
- While the infectiousness of Hep. C and HIV decrease within a couple of hours, Hep. B remains stable and infectious for more than a week



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Health Risks

- Injuries with a hollow-bore needle, deep penetration, visible blood on the needle, a needle that was located in a deep artery or vein, or with blood from terminally ill individuals are known to increase the risk for HIV infection



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Health risks also include injuries with a hollow bore needle, deep penetration, visible blood on the needle, and needle that was located deep in an artery or vein, or blood from terminally ill individuals are known to increase the risk of HIV infection.

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Always Assume a Needle is Contaminated!

- Use heavy gloves or tools such as pliers, tongs, a brush and dustpan, tweezers or forceps to pick up a needle

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Safe Disposal of Needles

- Place the needle in an approved bio-waste container
- Seal the lid
- Report the find to your Supervisor



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Safe disposal of needles.

Place the needle in an approved biohazard container.

Seal the lid.

And report the find to your Supervisor.

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Sharps Disposal Bin Locations



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Sharps disposal bins.

Sharps disposal bins look like a small mailbox, are painted yellow, and have the wimis biohazard located on the front of the box.

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Sharps Disposal Bin Locations

- You can drop off your used sharps at any 24-hour sharps disposal bin located outdoors at:
 - Street Health Windsor Essex Community Health Centre, 711 Pelissier St.
 - Parking Lot Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, 962 Pelissier St
 - Parking Lot Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, 972 Goyeau St.
 - AIDS Committee of Windsor 511 Pelissier St.
 - Bruce Park - east side of park facing Church St.
 - Wigle Park - west side near McDougall

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- You can drop off your used sharps at any 24-hour sharps disposal bin located outdoors at:
 - Glengarry/Marentette Neighbourhood - interior courtyard
 - Senator Croll Park - close to Tourist Information Centre
 - Downtown Transit Terminal - facing Chatham Street
 - Ford City Parkette - corner of Whelpton and Drouillard
 - Dufferin Place - Behind Windsor Fire Headquarters

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Wash Hands

- Wash your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after disposing of or disinfecting your personal protective equipment

1 Palm to palm

2 Right palm over left dorsum and left palm over right dorsum

3 Palm to palm fingers interlaced

4 Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked

5 Rotational rubbing of right thumb clasped in left palm and vice versa

6 Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa

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The importance of hand washing.

Wash your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap, after disposing of or disinfecting your personal protective equipment.

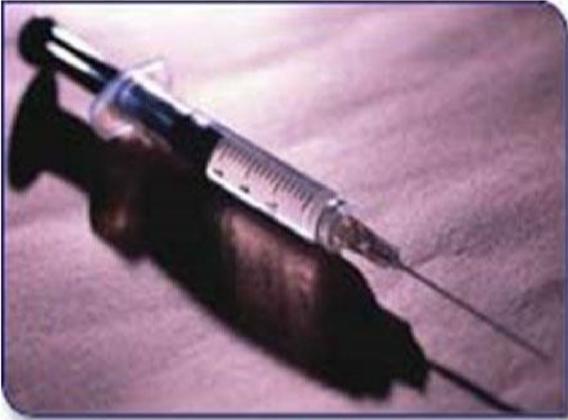
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Report All Injuries

- Ensure you use an alcohol free antibacterial hand washing solution to clean your hands if you do not have access to a sink
- Immediately report all injuries regarding sharps to your Supervisor then seek immediate medical attention



Needlestick injuries are still all too common, but there are many more efforts to prevent such injuries today than there were even 10 years ago.

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Report any and all injuries, no matter how insignificant.

Ensure you use an alcohol free antibacterial hand washing solution to clean your hands if you do not have access to a sink.

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Do Not

DO NOT



Throw loose sharps in garbage.



Put sharps in recycling bin.



Flush sharps down toilet.



Throw sharps in bushes, parks, or streets.

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Make sure you dispose sharps properly.

Do not throw loose sharps in the garbage or waste receptacles.

Do not put sharps in recycling bins.

Do not flush sharps down the toilet.

And do not throw sharps in bushes, parks or streets.

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Do Not

- Don't compact garbage with your hand or foot
- Don't pick up a sharp with your bare hand
- Don't bring the sharp to the sharps container, bring the container to the sharp



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Do not compact garbage with your hand or foot.

Do not pick up a sharp with your bare hand.

And, don't bring the sharp to the sharps container, bring the container to the sharp

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Do Not

- Don't attempt to bend, break or otherwise manipulate a sharp before disposing of it
- Don't overfill a biohazard container with sharps – consult your Supervisor as to how far to fill the container



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Do not attempt to bend, break or otherwise manipulate a sharp before disposing of it.

And, do not overfill a biohazard container, instead, read the information on the container or ask your Supervisor as to how far to fill the container.

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Disposing of Sharps Containers

- When the sharps containers are $\frac{3}{4}$ full, bring them to the Environmental Services office
- Environmental Services contracts with ECS Cares who pick up sharps containers monthly
- Departments are responsible for purchasing their own sharps containers



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How to dispose of Sharps Containers.

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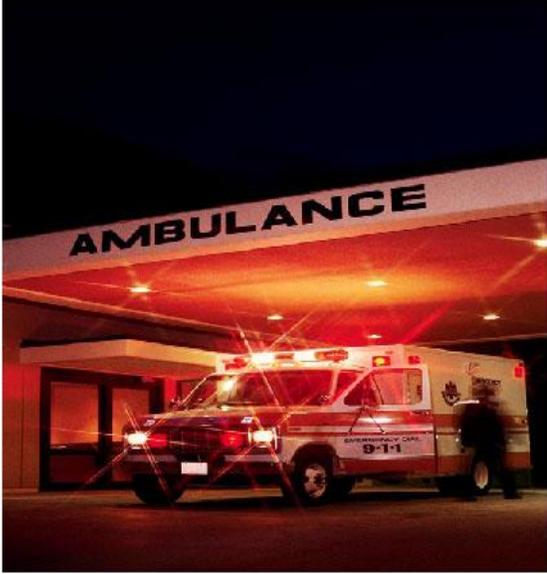
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Other Precautions

- Should an accidental needle stick injury occur, contact your Supervisor & go the nearest Hospital Emergency Department for assistance
- Supervisor must then complete an Accident/Incident Report



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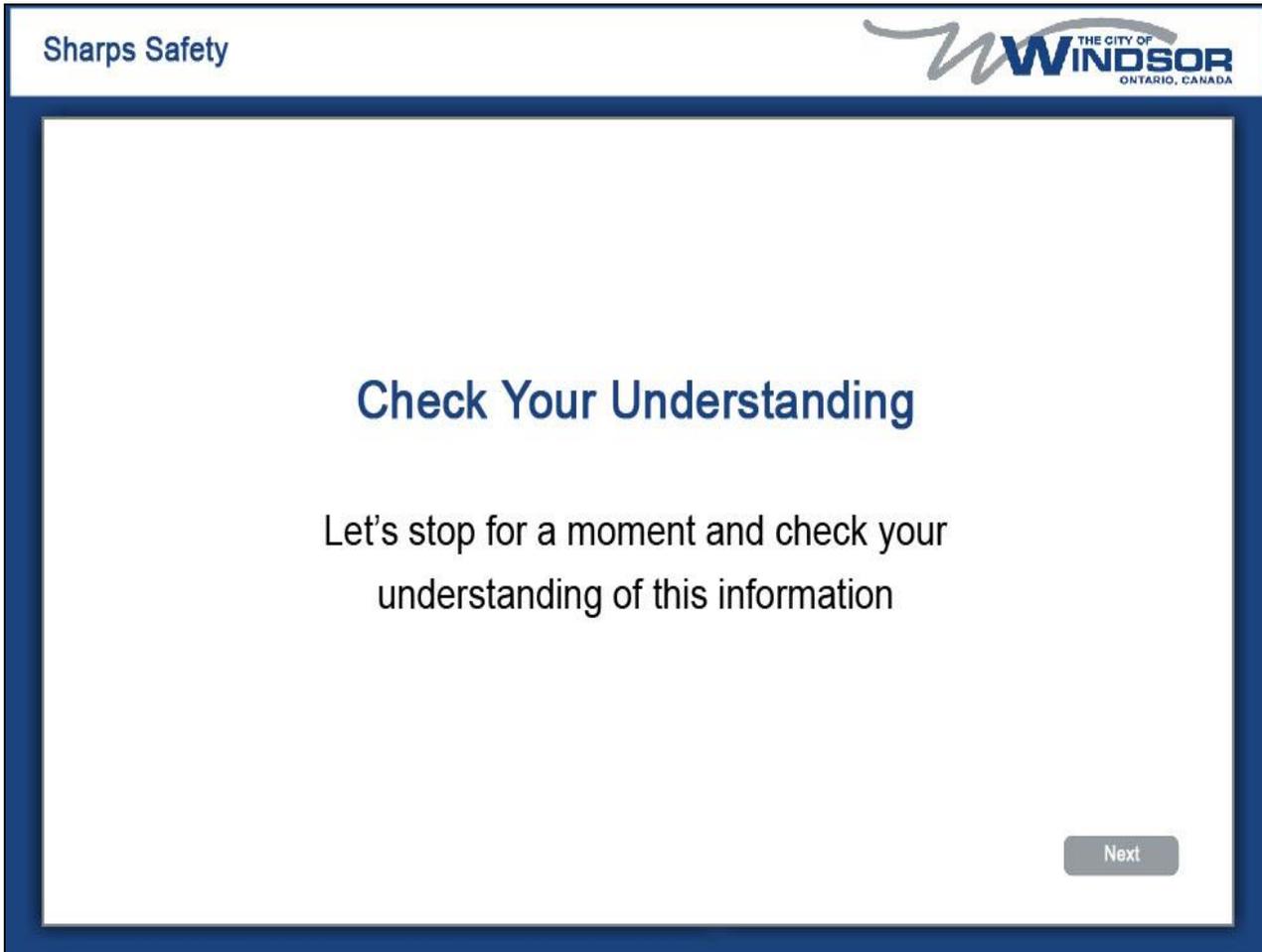
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Other Precautions.

Should an accidental needle stick or sharp injury occur, contact your Supervisor and go to the nearest hospital Emergency Department for medical assistance.

The Supervisor will then complete the Corporate Accident Incident Form.

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Now that you have completed this course, it's time to make sure you have a good understanding of the material.

Click next when you are ready to begin a short quiz.

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A sharp can be...

- A) A needle
- B) A syringe
- C) A blade
- D) A piece of glass
- E) All of the above

You must answer the question before continuing.

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A sharp can be.

A needle.

A syringe.

A blade.

A piece of glass.

Or, all of the above.

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The primary route of entry into the body for materials on sharps is...

A) Ingestion

B) Absorption

C) Accidental injection

D) Inhalation

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Or, inhalation.

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A sharp should be disposed of...

- A) In any garbage container
- B) In a toilet
- C) On the ground
- D) In a recycling bin
- E) In a rigid puncture resistant leak-proof container designed to house discarded sharps

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It is safe to pick up a sharp with my hands as long as I am careful.

A) True

B) False

You must answer the question before continuing.

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Is this statement true. Or false.

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Tools recommended for safe collection of sharps are...

- A) Pliers
- B) Tongs
- C) A brush and dustpan
- D) Tweezers
- E) All of the above

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Submit

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Tools recommended for safe collection of sharps are.

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All of the above.

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Congratulations!

You have successfully completed this course on Sharps Training.

Thank you.

Click exit to end the course.