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**SUBJECT:** DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND SHARP OBJECTS

**PURPOSE:** To prevent injury to or infection of personnel or others in the disposal of syringes, needles, and other sharp objects.

To establish an efficient, safe and simple method convenient to all.

**DEFINITION:** The term needle and sharps protocol shall mean but will not be limited to the following:

1. Hypodermic needles and syringes
2. Blood collection needles
3. Knife blades
4. Lancets

**PROCEDURE:** Following use, the needles, syringes, knives, and lancets shall be discarded in the appropriate puncture resistant mailable container. Used needles should not be cut, purposely rebent or recapped. When full, the container shall be sealed and mailed to the disposal.

**SCOPE:** This protocol applies to all departments of BISD.