

# SIMPLE STEPS TO SHARPS SAFETY



**ALWAYS BE SMART WITH SHARPS IN THE WORKPLACE NEVER PLACE LOOSE NEEDLES OR SHARPS IN THE CARDBOARD RMW BOX**

## STEP 1

### WORKPLACE SAFETY

Make sure staff is up-to-date with workplace safety training, safety protocols, and procedures



## STEP 3

### SHARPS DISPOSAL APPROPRIATE CONTAINER ONLY

Sharps needles and other sharps should always be disposed of in puncture-proof sharps containers



## STEP 5

### SECURE CONTAINER

Secure the sharps container lid and use locking mechanism to ensure the contents remain secure for disposal



## STEP 7

### LARGE SHARPS CONTAINERS

Large-volume containers that are DOT approved for transportation without additional packaging



## STEP 2

### ALWAYS HANDLE WITH CARE

Make sure to use PPE precautions and follow proper guidelines when handling needles and other sharps items



## STEP 4

### DO NOT FILL PAST – FILL LINE

Monitor the fill line on the sharps container label never overfill the container



## STEP 6

### SMALL VOLUME CONTAINERS

Once secured small volume sharps containers go directly in RMW box container



## STEP 8

### PROPER STORING OF MEDICAL WASTE FOR PICK UP

Always tape and safely store your packaged sharps and biohazard waste for pick up, transport, and final disposal



**Important:** The information provided are suggestions and not intended to replace OSHA, CDC guidelines. Always follow most current safety and compliance regulations set forth by local, state, and federal health care agencies. State specific regulations may apply, to learn more about sharps containers, supplies, waste packaging guidelines and workplace safety, find us at [www.securewaste.net](http://www.securewaste.net)

