

SCHOOL OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

POLICY: DISPOSAL OF SHARPS

The School of Surgical Technology follows the _____ Corrective Action and Discipline Policy. Policy _____ states the following:

“Failure to comply with established procedures for proper disposal of any potentially infectious waste, especially needles and other sharp objects will result in the following disciplinary action:”

1st offence: one-day suspension

2nd offence: three-day suspension

3rd offence: dismissal

Blades, needles, hypodermics, trocars, guide wires, etc. are all examples of sharps. All sharps containers should be disposed of in the red biohazard containers that are provided throughout the operating room. Every effort should be made to dispose of all sharps before transporting contaminated instruments and supplies to the Decontamination Area. In the event that an item is too large to be contained in the biohazard receptacle, the item should be carefully transported to the Decontamination Area and disposed of in the larger biohazard containers. Students that are assigned to clinical affiliates should follow the specific sharps disposal protocol established at that institution.