Safe Handling of Sharps

- Whenever feasible, use plastic in place of metal or glass sharps to minimize the potential for injuries
- Investigate use of safety devices when experimental conditions allow
- Always keep your hands behind the sharp
- Never recap, remove, break, bend, shear, or otherwise manipulate the sharp before disposal
- If using a safety device, be sure to activate the safety feature
- Immediately discard sharps into an approved sharps container (see EH&S policy regarding disposal of metal sharps)
- Do not handle broken glassware directly (see EH&S Spill Protocol)