

**Handling and disposal of sharps and wastes.**

- (A) To prevent injuries, no licensee performing or participating in invasive procedures shall recap needles, or purposely bend or break needles or other sharp instruments or items by hand.
- (B) After a licensee who is performing or participating in an invasive procedure uses disposable needles, syringes, scalpel blades or other sharp items, ~~he~~ the licensee shall place the disposable sharp items used in a puncture-resistant container for disposal. The puncture-resistant container shall be located as close a practicable to the use area.
- (C) All sharp items and contaminated wastes shall be disposed of according to requirements established by federal, local and state environmental or regulatory agencies.

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