

Examples of appropriate and inappropriate practices for infection prevention and control



Ensuring that sharps containers are elevated and available at point of use assists with safe handling and disposal of sharps. Mounting or securing containers makes them safer.



Overfull sharps containers are dangerous for all health care workers and waste handlers.



Sharps containers should not be located on the ground or have openings large enough to put an arm into.



Clinical waste should be stored in a locked, covered area to prevent degradation of containers and scavenging.



Basic hygiene facilities at point of use help staff comply with hand hygiene practices.