



BERNCO SAFETY

R I S K M A N A G E M E N T

BERNCO QUICK CARD

BQC: Card 001

Tools needed

- Tongs
- PPE / Gloves
- Sharps Container

Hazards:

- Poke
- Cuts / Laceration
- BBP exposure

Safety Measures:

- Follow safety steps
- Pick up with tongs only
- Utilize PPE / Gloves
- Place in sharps container safely
- Assure container is secure
- Do not discard needles or container in trash

2017 Safety Goal

Strong Safety Culture
Lead by management

Reduce Injuries

All county support /approach to mitigate hazards or process that result in work related injuries

Risk Management:

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PICKING UP & DISPOSING OF USED NEEDLES

Treat all needle/syringes and crack pipes (glass) as though they are contaminated. County employees are required to wear gloves (i.e. latex rubber or leather utility gloves) when a task requires picking up needles. Gloves are utilized as personal protective measure against Bloodborne pathogens, fluid contamination and or chemicals, not for puncture or cuts.



PICKING UP PROCESS

When picking up a needle/syringe one must utilize tongs, pliers or tweezers (do not pick up with bare hand). If necessary, clean and disinfect the pick-up instrument after each use.

1

When picking up needle, utilize instrument to pick up by plastic end – pointing the needle tip away from your body and hand.



2

Make sure sharps container is on a stable surface (do not hold the sharps container with your other hand when dropping needle into container) Place sharps into container point needing down into slot.



3

Close and secure sharps container. Dispose of appropriately.