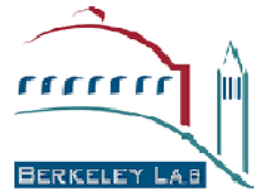







Updates



- **No changes for COVID**
 - **Alameda still in Medium**
 - **Encouraged to distance / avoid crowds**
 - **LBL0012 is still required for all new employees (CAL OSHA Policy)**
- **Expired Training**
 - **Ergo Refresher**
 - **Fire Extinguisher Refresher**
- **Reminder - Rad Worker I usually gives credit for GERT. So badge will not work at gate or building**

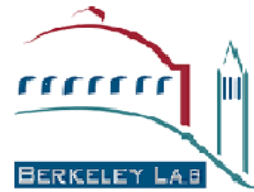
Sharps Safety



	Topic	Safety Considerations
	Types of Sharps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Needles ★ Glass Pasteur Pipettes ★ Glassware ★ Razor blades ★ Ampoules ★ Cutters/Box openers
	Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ When necessary, sharps may be used - however, consider an alternative when possible ★ Substitute plastic for glass ESPECIALLY with hazardous materials ★ Check compatibility with syringe material, needle joints, plunger, etc.
	Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Glassware can become very slippery during washing ★ Utilize locking syringe units, safety engineered sharps, or needless systems ★ Do not recap unless absolutely necessary and never recap with two hands ★ Avoid two-handed motions with needles and do not remove needle from syringe before disposal ★ Chemicals can readily cause needles to clog ★ Consider hand, thumb, and neck position and angles to avoid discomfort
	Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Do not use blades without a handle; the handle serves as a barrier ★ Always cut away from yourself ★ Dispose of contaminated razor blades into appropriate sharps container ★ Do not store loose razor blades on benchtops ★ Use an ampoule opener ★ Use proper tools to open boxes such as a self-retracting knife instead of scissors
	Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Immediately place used/broken sharps in a hardwall sharps disposal container lined with a bag ★ Use a sharps container for bio-contaminated sharps and close when 3/4 full ★ Use a sharps container labeled "Unregulated Sharps" for other sharps ★ Broken glass: contaminated → sharps container / uncontaminated → cardboard box

NEVER dispose of needles or other sharps in the trash, even if they are clean!

Power Tool Safety



There have been a number of recent injuries in the DOE complex related to the use of power drills.

Things to remember:

- **Wear safety glasses and appropriate PPE (DO NOT wear loose-fitting clothing)**
- **Inspect for damage before each use**
- **Disconnect the plug or remove the battery pack before inspecting, adjusting, cleaning, or repairing**
- **Secure the material to be drilled to prevent movement**
- **Keep electric cords clear of rotating parts**
- **When finished, unplug the power cord or remove the battery pack, remove the drill bit, and clean up the work area**



Questions?

