

Needle Recapping:



- Two handed recapping of a sharp is never appropriate
- Recapping injuries are the third most common cause of needle sticks and are a serious TOSHA violation

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Appropriate alternatives to recapping a sharp include

- Use the safety device if there is one. If you aren't sure how to use the safety device, ask!
- If there is no safety device, discard the item in the sharps box immediately without recapping

If there is a situation in which you absolutely MUST recap

- Use only the single-handed scoop method
- Never seat the cap by applying pressure on the end with your finger



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Other safety considerations:

- Never remove or manipulate a safety device
- Plan disposal before use
- Dispose promptly after use in a sharp's container
- Report all needle sticks and blood exposures



