

Researchers cutting themselves with sharp tools or other objects is a major source of injuries for LBNL and the Chemical Sciences Division. To help reduce the risk of a sharps injury, please observe the following practices.

- Organize your work space so that all of the materials that you need are readily available.
- Make sure you have good lighting for the task.
- Make sure you are using the right tool for the job.
- When opening packages and/or transporting materials, be aware of edges that may be sharp.
- Always keep sharp objects pointed away from yourself and others.
- Never hand a sharp object to another person, put it down to be picked up by the other person.
- If item to be cut or punctured needs to be held, secure it in a support or on a steady surface.
- Have a proper sharps disposal container nearby, (please see link for container choices http://www.lbl.gov/ehs/waste/wm_pub_3095_ch3.shtml).
- Do not overfill the sharps container.
- Do not remove the lid or remove anything from the sharps container.
- Look around your work area when you are finished to make sure all sharps are properly disposed.

For more information please see the links below or call Barbara Tuse at 2603.

<http://www.lbl.gov/ehs/training/resources/sharps/>

http://www.lbl.gov/ehs/Lessons/pdf/LL_CuttingEdgeSafety.pdf

<http://eetd-ehs.lbl.gov/doc/sharps-safety-alert>