

Needle Sticks:

Emergency Call Instructions for EHRS staff

If you are stuck by a needle, razor blade, scalpel or other sharp, immediately wash the wound with soap and water for 15 minutes.

Staff should contact their supervisor and immediately report to Occupational Medicine in the Ravdin Building (between 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM) or HUP's Emergency Room (after hours). Do not wait until the next day.

Students should report to Student Health (See hours below) or to the HUP ER/ local urgent care when Student Health is closed.

Handling and Segregation:

Guide staff to only handle trashbag by the top, never compress or bearhug to hold.

Trashbags should not contain the following:

- Sharps (needles, razor blades, scalpels, etc.)
- Sharps containers
- "Red bag" waste or any item with biohazard symbol on it
- Pipettes
- Chemical bottles that have not been defaced
- Boxes with radiation symbol or any item with radiation symbol on it (See page 2 for examples of these items.)

HOUSEKEEPERS: If any of these items are found in a waste bag, housekeepers should notify the lab staff (if possible) and contact their supervisor immediately. If they have already removed the bag from its original container, it should be placed in a secure location until proper disposal methods have been identified. Document the location of the bag. EHRS will provide guidance on disposal.

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215-746-3535 (24/7)

Monday through Wednesday: 8 am – 8 pm

Thursday and Friday: 8 am – 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm

Closed on Sundays

Supervisor or staff must contact EHRS immediately so that we can provide the treating physician with information about the potential hazard.

- EHRS Office: (215) 898-4453 (24/7)