

Prevention of sharp injuries

Sharps/needlestick injuries, bites and splashes involving blood or other body fluids are managed in a way that reduces the risk of injury or infection.

		Yes	No	N/A	Comments
1	Sharps containers are available				
2	All sharps containers are hard shell approved containers complying with AS/NZ4261				
3	Sharps containers are available for home visits				
4	Sharps containers are correctly assembled				
5	Sharps containers are located within easy reach and can be taken to point of use				
6	Sharps containers are stored safely away from the public and out of reach of children				
7	Sharps containers are not filled beyond the indicator mark i.e. 2/3 full				
8	There are no inappropriate items e.g. packaging or swabs in the sharps containers				
9	Needles and syringes are discarded as a single unit				
10	Sharps containers should be at a height and in a position that enables safe disposal by all members of staff				
11	Sharps containers are visibly clean with no body substances, dust, dirt or debris				
12	Sharps containers are not placed in waste bags prior to disposal				
13	Re-sheathing of needles does not occur (Ask a member of staff)				
14	There is a signage (e.g. poster) displayed for the management of needlesticks/sharps injuries and/or bites and splashes				
	TOTALS				
OVERALL SCORING					
POTENTIAL TOTAL					
PERCENTAGE %					

