North Carolina State University
Environmental Health and Safety Center

“Non-clean” Sharp Objects Injuries including Needle Sticks

University Employees and Students

Purpose
The purpose of this document is to establish a written procedure to address actions that are to be taken after an employee or student experiences a "non-clean" needle stick, other "non-clean" sharps contact including where there is the slightest suggestion that the integrity of skin has been broken by an item potentially contaminated with chemical, biological, or radioactive material.

Process Steps – On Raleigh Campus

1. Wash the wound thoroughly for at least five minutes with soap and water, allow the wound to bleed freely for a minute, apply sterile gauze or bandage if necessary.
2. Dial 911 from a campus phone or Dial 515-3000 from cell phone to speak with NC State University Emergency Personnel for advice and directions on transportation to Rx Urgent Care. Indicate that the sharps item was contaminated with chemical, biological, or radioactive material.
3. Notify your supervisor.
4. Report to Rx Urgent Care within two hours. Take this form with you if time permits.
5. Keep source of contaminated items, if available. Date and identify it with injured person's name.
6. Workers Compensation forms will need to be completed within 24 hours of injury.

Process Steps – Off Raleigh Campus

1. Wash the wound thoroughly for at least five minutes with soap and water, allow the wound to bleed freely for a minute, apply sterile gauze or bandage if necessary.
2. Proceed to hospital emergency room or out patient clinic within two hours. Indicate that the sharps item was contaminated with chemical, biological, or radioactive material. Take this form with you if time permits.
3. Dial 919-515-3000 to speak with NC State University Emergency Personnel for advice. Indicate that the sharps item was contaminated with chemical, biological, or radioactive material.
4. Notify your supervisor.
5. If further assistance is needed, contact Rx Urgent Care 919-719-2250 to speak with the clinician on call for assessment. Indicate that the sharps item was contaminated with chemical, biological, or radioactive material.
6. Keep source of contaminated items, if available. Date and identify it with injured person’s name.
7. Workers Compensation forms will need to be completed within 24 hours of injury.