

**WAC 296-823-14005 Use feasible controls, including appropriate equipment and safer medical devices, to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure.** (1) You must use appropriate equipment and safer medical devices to eliminate or minimize employee exposure.

(2) You must use work practices designed to eliminate or minimize employee exposure.

(3) You must examine and maintain or replace equipment and safer medical devices on a regular schedule to make sure they remain effective.

**Note:**

1. Examples of appropriate equipment include:
  - a. Sharps containers;
  - b. Biosafety cabinets;
  - c. Splash guards;
  - d. Centrifuge cups;
  - e. Specimen storage and transport containers.
2. Examples of safer medical devices include:
  - a. Sharps with engineered sharps injury protections (SESIP);
  - b. Needleless systems;
  - c. Blunt suture needles;
  - d. Plastic capillary tubes.
3. Examples of work practices include:
  - a. No-hands procedures in handling contaminated sharps;
  - b. No hand-to-hand instrument passing.

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