

**WAC 296-823-14010 Handle contaminated sharps properly and safely.** (1) You must make sure that you don't bend, recap, or remove contaminated needles or other contaminated sharps **unless** you can demonstrate that there is no feasible alternative or that it's required by a specific medical or dental procedure.

Bending, recapping or needle removal must be done by using a mechanical device or a one-handed technique.

**Note:** Demonstrating that no alternative to bending, recapping, or removing contaminated sharps is feasible, may be accomplished through written justification, supported by reliable evidence, in your exposure control plan.

(2) You must make sure you don't shear or break contaminated needles.

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