

**SHARPS AND NEEDLE STICK INJURIES**

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## POLICY

The policy of the Board of Governors is to ensure that necessary precautions are taken at SAIT in the case of a sharps discovery or needle stick injury and that associated reporting and disposal requirements are met.

### DEFINITIONS

- Discovery** Due to the open nature of the SAIT campus, it is possible that sharps could be discovered in publicly-accessible areas not generally known to contain sharps.
- Needle stick injury** A penetrating stab wound from a needle or other sharp object that may result in exposure to blood or other bodily fluids.
- Sharps** Objects that could cause a puncture, cut or abrasion injury if not handled in a safe manner, including but not limited to used needles, syringes, razor blades, and broken glass.

### POLICY/PROCEDURE REFERENCE

HS.3.3.1 Sharps and Needle Stick Injuries procedure

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