

# SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

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## Glass Waste Safety

**Glass waste carries the risk of causing punctures, cuts, or scrapes on body parts, and when disposed of improperly can puncture/ cut waste bags and endanger waste handlers. Don't throw glass waste directly into regular garbage cans or dumpsters. Don't pick up broken glass with your hands; wear cut-resistant gloves, use tongs, or a broom and dustpan.**

### *Regular Laboratory Glass*

- If glass waste is not contaminated with hazardous materials, it may go into a designated glass disposal box.
- Various vendors sell cardboard containers for this purpose. For example, it can be purchased from Fisher Scientific at: <https://www.fishersci.ca/shop/products/fisherbrand-glass-disposal-boxes-5/s41263>



### *Laboratory Glass contaminated with Biohazardous Agents*

- Place into rigid, puncture and leak resistant **RED** biohazardous sharps containers labeled with the international biohazard symbol or the word "BIOHAZARD" and with room and building number.
- Contact EH&S to receive new red Biohazard Sharp Containers and use the WASTE site to have EH&S pickup full containers.



### *Laboratory Glass contaminated with Chemical/Toxic Agents*

- If contaminated with toxic or hazardous chemicals, the glass must go into rigid, puncture and leak resistant **BLACK RCRA chemical sharps** containers and the container must be labeled with a UCR waste label generated on the WASTE app. Container must be closed for EH&S pick up.
- Contact EH&S to receive RCRA Chemical Sharp Containers.
- If contaminated with radioactive waste, you need to comply with the labeling storage and disposal requirements for radioactive waste.



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