

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL	
Section: G. Paramedic Services	Effective Date: April 30, 2019
Topic: 8. Occupational Health & Safety	Replaces: March 1, 2010
Subject: 6.1. Disposal of Hazardous Materials and Biomedical Sharps	
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PURPOSE

To ensure personnel fully understand requirements regarding the disposal of biomedical sharps and workplace hazardous materials.

APPLICATION

Paramedics, Paramedic Superintendents and Senior Managers

PROCEDURE

All biomedical sharps will be disposed of in the sharp's containers located in the response kits and/or vehicles. Recapping of sharps is prohibited.

Once any sharps container is full, the lid will be sealed, and the container removed from the vehicle and placed into the expired equipment bin positioned at each station.

Each month sealed sharped containers are returned form each station to HQ where they are disposed of through Steri-cycle and the Ministry of Environment.

All WHMIS defined hazardous materials shall be stored, decanted, utilized and disposed of in accordance with the specific SDS for the product.

No hazardous material shall be placed on site of any Paramedic Services Station, or vehicle in the absence of staff education and SDS dissemination.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be utilized as directed by the SDS manual.

Disposal of any biomedical waste shall be managed in accordance with accepted protocols. The use of biomedical yellow bags and appropriate sealing of the bag will be required of staff.

REFERENCE