

1 Sharps and Biohazardous Waste

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5 Introduction

6 Biohazardous waste is defined as any biologically contaminated waste, including sharps
7 contaminated with biological materials, that could potentially cause harm to humans, domestic or
8 wild animals, plants, or the environment. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 9 • human, animal, or plant pathogens
- 10 • transgenic animals or plants
- 11 • biological toxins (such as tetanus toxin)
- 12 • human or primate cell culture
- 13 • human blood and certain body fluids
- 14 • recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids

15 Policy Statement

16 All personnel who generate biohazardous waste must follow the procedures outlined in the ISU
17 Sharps and Biohazardous Waste Procedures for disinfection and disposal of biohazardous waste
18 and sharps.

19 Resources

20 Links

- 21 • [EH&S Sharps and Biohazardous Waste Procedure \[PDF\]](#)
- 22 • [EH&S Sharps Safety resource page](#)
- 23 • [EH&S Biological Safety resource page](#)
- 24 • [EH&S Biosafety Manual](#)