

SAFE GLASSWARE USE

INTRODUCTION:

Cuts and lacerations due to broken or chipped glassware are relatively common injuries. Identification and proper disposal of broken glass will minimize the risk.

I. Goals:

The following regulations are intended to ensure the safe use of glass objects in the Pathology Department.

II. Enforcement:

Supervisors and Section Directors are responsible for enforcement of the regulations. Compliance is verified by the Departmental Safety Survey

III. Regulations:

1. Broken or chipped glass items must not be used; they are to be disposed of in the specially designated broken glassware" container. Contact Housekeeping for removal.
2. Broken glass chips must not be picked up with bare hands. Use gloves or sweep up. Fine glass particles may be picked up with wet paper toweling .
3. Protect glass vessels with asbestos centered wire gauze when heating them over a burner.
4. Handle hot glassware with thermal hand protection..
5. Do not attempt to catch falling glassware.
6. Purchase unbreakable plastic items, whenever possible, to reduce the risk of cuts by broken glass.