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BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company)
Safe Sharps Disposal Plan

BD is recognized as a sustainablity leader and is committed to our corporate purpose of *"Helping all people live healthy lives."*

No other company has invested more capital, human resources or technical know-how to reducing needlestick injuries, through safety-engineered products and safe, convenient sharps containment.

View sharps disposal guidelines by state at www.bd.com/sharpsdisposal

How BD supports the safe disposal of used household sharps

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BD is committed to helping people with diabetes contain and dispose of their household sharps in a compliant manner.

BD manufactures the following products for people with diabetes who test and inject at home:

For injection therapy:
- BD Ultra-Fine™ insulin syringes
- BD Ultra-Fine™ pen needles

For blood glucose testing:
- BD Ultra-Fine™ 30 Gauge Lancets
- BD Ultra-Fine™ 33 Gauge Lancets

For sharps containment and disposal:
- BD™ Home Sharps Container
- BD™ Sharps Disposal by Mail
- BD Safe-Clip™ Device
- BD Safe-Clip™ by Mail

This plan describes the BD products designed for safe and effective household sharps disposal, our extensive patient and professional sharps education, and our collaborations with other organizations that have an interest in protecting public health and safety.

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Provide for Effective, Safe Needle Collection and Disposal

BD markets products that can be used for sharps containment and disposal, both in and outside the home.

Patients may purchase the FDA-cleared BD™ Home Sharps Container for containment of used syringes and pen needles in the home. This is a rigid, leak-proof, puncture-resistant container made of hard plastic with a lid that is securely sealed to prevent contents from falling out. The red container is prominently marked with the biohazard symbol.

BD™ Home Sharps Container

This same container is combined with a sturdy cardboard mailer and tracking document for the BD™ Sharps Disposal by Mail product, which is available through retail pharmacies nationwide.

For patients who inject outside the home, the FDA-cleared BD Safe-Clip™ Device provides a convenient, portable way to clip off a syringe needle or pen needle and safely retain the needles within the clipper. The device can be used with a wide variety of needle lengths and gauges. It holds up to 1,500 clipped needles, approximately a 1-year supply for many patients. Now available in a mail-back option.

BD Safe-Clip™ Device

<u>BD sharps containment and disposal products:</u>

- Are easy to find. Distributed nationwide through retail pharmacies, supermarket pharmacies, and online pharmacies.
- Are designed for ease of use and convenience.
- Meet USPS approved requirements for sharps containers for transport to drop off facilities or mail back to a processing facility.

BD Safe-Clip™ by Mail

<u>Free and Donated Sharps Containers</u>

- For the safety and convenience of its own employees and visitors, BD provides free sharps containers throughout every one of its facilities, worldwide.
- As part of its annual diabetes camp education program, BD donates sharps containers along with syringes, pen needles, alcohol swabs, and lancets to diabetes camps across the U.S.

BD™ Sharps Disposal by Mail

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Patient Education

BD provides one of the most comprehensive sharps disposal education programs available to consumers and healthcare professionals.

- Every insulin syringe, pen needle and lancet package has instructions describing how to contain and dispose of used sharps.
- BD Getting Started™ Take Home Kits, used to teach patients how to inject, contains literature describing the steps to take for safe sharps containment and disposal.
- Every BD patient education brochure/ booklet that describes a self-care activity using sharps, also includes a page about proper needle disposal.
- The BD Diabetes patient education web site has several pages discussing safe needle disposal methods and describing BD sharps disposal products. BD maintains an up-to-date listing of sharps disposal guidelines by state, which is accessible from both BD's consumer and healthcare professional sites. The state guidelines section is updated annually by visiting state web sites and, if necessary, calling state Waste Management or Public Health agencies.

- One of the most frequently asked questions to the BD CARES call center is how to properly dispose of used sharps. The BD call center operators are trained to educate callers about safe and effective needle containment and disposal.
- BD participates in numerous diabetes health fairs throughout the U.S., including Taking Control of Your Diabetes, Children With Diabetes, and events scheduled by local hospitals and diabetes clinics. BD staff attend these events to educate consumers on proper injection technique and safe needle disposal.

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Coordination with other organizations' sharps management efforts

Safety and sharps injury prevention are important to BD.

- BD supports OSHA and CDC/NIOSH recommendations, and promote the CDC Workbook for Designing, Implementing and Evaluating a Sharps Injury Prevention Program for clinical workplaces.

Consumer/Community Involvement

As a formal process, BD regularly seeks patient and healthcare professional feedback for both product development and the development of patient education materials.

- BD conducts annual, large-scale market research with consumers and healthcare professionals on a wide range of topics, including needle containment and disposal. Patients and healthcare professionals are asked to rate BD diabetes care products and patient education materials on a number of attributes, including ease of use and quality.

- Product feedback from callers to the BD CARES call center is collected and regularly analyzed for sources of product improvement and new product ideas.

- Through its participation in diabetes health fairs throughout the U.S., BD has the opportunity to collect informal consumer feedback about BD diabetes care products and educational materials.

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