

**WAC 246-817-650 Safe injection and sharps safety.** (1) A practitioner shall follow the CDC *Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings: Basic Expectations for Safe Care*, March 2016, guidelines for safe injection practices in dental settings.

(2) A practitioner shall use either a one-handed scoop technique or mechanical device designed for holding the needle cap when recapping needles. A practitioner shall not recap used needles by using both hands or any other technique that involves directing the point of a needle toward any part of the body.

(3) A practitioner shall place used disposable syringes and needles, scalpel blades, and other sharp items in appropriate puncture-resistant containers in each operatory.

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