

# Task Risk Control Sheet

## Removal of Discarded Needles & Syringes

RCS No: NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GA22  
Issue: 2

### Key Risks !

- Biological Hazards
- Piercings

### Personnel Involved

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| E&P       | ✓ |
| S&T       | ✓ |
| Track     | ✓ |
| Off Track | ✓ |
| Property  | ✓ |

Tools / Equipment None

Plant None

### Key Risks

**Contact with contaminated discarded needles and syringes**

### Controls

- Refer to Risk Control Sheets NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GH03 – Biological and Chemical Hazards and Network Rail booklet on infectious diseases
- Never handle discarded needles and syringes with bare hands
- Handle sharps as little as possible and always use appropriate tools such as tongs
- Report to Control and arrange permanent removal by professional body or competent person
- Immediately place any discarded needles or syringes into a special biological waste receptacle and dispose of as clinical waste – Do not dismantle syringes and needles by hand before disposal
- Prior to working cover any cuts and grazes and wear personal protective equipment, such as gloves
- Wash hands before smoking, eating or drinking – If hand washing facilities are not immediately available use antibacterial hand rubs or wipes

### Implemented By

Line Manager  
Team Leader/  
All Staff

**In the event of contact with a discarded needle encourage the puncture injury to bleed and wash well under cool running water with soap and cover with a dry (sterile) dressing. Seek medical advice as soon as possible, within 48 hours at the nearest local Accident & Emergency department. Remember to report the accident to Infrastructure Fault Control.**

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| PPE Required by NR / Maintenance Policy                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| <br>Wear Head Protection | <br>Wear Foot Protection | <br>Wear Hi Visibility Clothing | <br>Wear Safety glasses to BS EN166.F | If safety glasses introduce a risk (ie weather conditions) then the Team Leader shall assess the risk. The outcome of the assessment shall be recorded on the SSOWPS pack and safety glasses may be removed.<br><b>This does not supersede the requirements for eye protection detailed on relevant Task Risk Control Sheets.</b> |  |  |
| Additional PPE Required by Task Risk Control Sheet                                                        |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |
| <br>Wear Hand Protection |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |