Disposal of Broken Glassware

* If an injury occurs due to *contaminated* broken glassware, contact the PI immediately; if the PI is not available, contact the University Police (828-262- 8000) for further instruction. Otherwise, notify the PI immediately and proceed with glassware disposal.
* Glass will cut through gloves! When cleaning broken glass, use mechanical means to pick up the pieces:
  + Tongs, tweezers, or forceps should be used to pick up large pieces
  + Small shards can be picked up using a dust pan and broom
* Disposal
  + Contaminated broken glass
    - For **biologically contaminated** broken glass, place in a sharps container



* + - For **chemically contaminated** broken glass, or glass that is contaminated with both biohazards and chemicals, place in a puncture-proof, leak-proof container labeled for chemical waste. Contact EHS&EM [(828-262-4008](tel:(828)%20262-4008)) for disposal instructions.
* Uncontaminated broken glass
  + Uncontaminated broken glass can be disposed of in a glass disposal box

