### Engineering Controls

#### Sharps Containers

Always place sharps in the proper sharps containers! These containers should be:

- Made out of hard plastic
- Designed for the storage of used sharps
- Labeled with the Universal Biohazard Symbol
- Replaced when the contents reach the fill line on the container or when approximately ¾ full

#### Mechanical Pipettes

To transfer human blood or body fluids, use **mechanical** pipettes. **Mouth pipetting is prohibited**

#### Needleless System

A needleless system – “non-needle sharp or a needle with a built-in safety feature or mechanism that effectively reduces the risk of a percutaneous exposure incident.”
## Implementation of Controls

### Administrative and Workplace Controls

#### Work Areas

Must be:

- Cleaned and decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant:
  - Daily, after work with potentially contaminated material has concluded
  - Immediately, after contamination with blood or OPIM
- Labeled with a Universal Biohazard Symbol if used for storage or processing of human blood or OPIM

#### Hand Washing

Wash your hands as soon as possible in the following situations:

- After removal of gloves or other PPE
- After potential contamination with human blood or OPIM
- Before leaving your work area
- Before eating or drinking

If liquid soap and water are not immediately available for handwashing, use antiseptic paper towels or an antiseptic hand lotion until a handwashing sink can be found.