



# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

### 210 – COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

**GENERAL ORDER:** 2024-04  
**ISSUED:** January 22, 2024

**EFFECTIVE:** January 22, 2024

**REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:**  
Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner  
**DATE:** December 4, 2024

**ACTION:** Amends General Order 2022-41 (October 7, 2022)

**WILEAG STANDARD(S):** NONE

#### ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.  
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

#### 210.15 PRECAUTIONARY WORK PRACTICES

E. All sharp instruments such as knives, scalpels and needles shall be considered contaminated and handled with extreme care. Needles or other sharp objects shall not be recapped, bent, broken, removed from a disposable syringe or otherwise manipulated. Needles or other sharp objects shall be placed in a puncture-resistant, non-porous container when being collected for evidence or disposal purposes. The container shall be marked appropriately to show contents and labeled with the appropriate biohazard sign. All locations where the searching and processing of prisoners is performed shall be equipped with a sharps disposal container. Department members shall only use the sharps disposal container to dispose of needles or syringes. All other sharp instruments collected from a prisoner that are not collected for evidence shall be placed on inventory and a property receipt shall be given to the prisoner in accordance with SOP 090 Prisoners and Booking.

1. Members shall notify the Property Control Division once a sharps disposal container is full. The Property Control Division shall be responsible for disposing of the container at a local designated site.
2. The Facilities Services Division shall be responsible for replacing the container after it has been removed by the Property Control Section.

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